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Anger as Navy seizes British trawler's fishing gear



Townsend: net seizure "makes life difficult"

BY NICK NUTTALL, BILL FROST AND EDWARD OWEN

BRITAIN's fishing dispute with Spain entered a new stage yesterday when fisheries inspectors on a Royal Navy vessel sent to the Bay of Biscay to protect Cornish trawlers boarded a British boat and seized its nets.

Inspectors on *HMS Anglesey*, whose action was warmly welcomed by Spanish officials, impounded the nets and gear from the trawler *Charisma* because "they had reasonable grounds to suspect that they were committing an offence under EU regulations," according to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

The warship used satellite tracking to estimate the length of the net before boarding the vessel and ordering it home.

Richard Banks, of the National Fishermens' Federation in Grimsby, said it was possible that a mistake may have been made, but added: "I am not holding my breath". The seizure, which will be followed by studies of net lengths and sizes when the *Charisma* returns to port, will embarrass the Government and fishermen's leaders. They have insisted that Britain's tuna fleet complies with rules that nets should be no longer than 2.5km (roughly 1½ miles). The nets may appear longer, they say, but this is because they have large gaps between sections of mesh to allow dolphins and porpoises through.

Spanish fishermen, who catch tuna with traditional lines, say British boats are breaking the rules, and have used their claims to justify attacks on foreign ships in international waters.

Last night in Newlyn, the home port of the British tuna fleet, skippers expressed anger over the the warship's action. Elizabeth Stevenson, whose firm operates trawlers from the port, said: "Skippers are hacked off about the whole situation." But crews were also defiant, promising to return to the bay despite more threats of violence by Spanish fishermen.

Neville McCrindle, 36, master of the *Silver Harvester*, whose nets were cut earlier in the week, said yesterday: "How else could we hope to make up the £12,000 we have lost in gear and reduced catch?".

Mike Townsend, of the Cornish Fish Producers' Association in Newlyn, said the seizure of the nets would make life difficult for ministers trying to negotiate with the Spainish authorities. "It does not strengthen our hand," he said. "We do not really need this."

But he said it did not justify Spanish aggression. "It does not detract from the central issue, that the Spanish should not take the law into their own hands. It is up to fishery protection vessels to enforce the law. If our fishermen attacked every Spanish ship suspected of breaking EU rules, there would be a major incident," he said.

The decision to release information about the *Charisma* at such a politically sensitive time was made by ministry officials. A spokesman said it would have been impossible to keep the information quiet, given the media interest; hushing up the seizure could have been more damaging had it leaked out later.

Spanish fishermen, however, reacted by threatening further violence against British boats. Luis Atienza, 36, the fisheries minister, appealed for calm and urged Spanish tuna fishermen to give British inspectors time to check British

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UN provoked into tit-for-tat strike

Nato planes hit back at defiant Serbs

FROM JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO AND JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

NATO aircraft bombed Serb targets in Bosnia-Herzegovina yesterday after the Serbs defied the United Nations by taking back heavy weapons, including a tank from a UN depot near Sarajevo.

Pentagon sources said that French Mirage jets and Dutch planes, part of a Nato force based in Italy, had dropped bombs and that American aircraft provided support. Two US A10s were also reported to have taken part.

The attack, the first Nato action in Bosnia since April, came after the Serbs removed a tank, two armoured personnel carriers and an anti-aircraft gun from the depot early yesterday, ignoring UN warnings that they faced air strikes. Diplomats said that the targets were pieces of equipment equivalent to the weapons seized by the Bosnian Serbs from UN supervision, but not the actual materiel removed. "I think the policy is tit-for-tat," said a Security Council ambassador.

The UN and Western officials were waiting to see what action the Bosnian Serbs would take in retaliation. After the April strikes against Serb guns assaulting Gorazde, several hundred UN troops were arrested, many of them taken as military installations as human shields.

If Serb gunners were ordered to pound UN posts and compounds and capture peacekeepers on patrol, the West could be dragged into a complex and bloody war in the Balkans, something that has so far kept military action to a minimum.

Nato warplanes could be heard over the Bosnian capital several times yesterday afternoon and into the evening. High-flying Nato reconnaissance aircraft also could be heard droning overhead for hours.

There are nine UN-guarded collection points around Sarajevo containing Serb heavy weapons. They were handed over in the wake of the Nato ultimatum to the Bosnian Serbs in February to pull back their heavy weapons after the market-place massacre.

A statement from the 16-nation Western alliance confirmed the attack. "The strikes were ordered ... after weapons were seized by Bosnian Serbs from a weapons collection site near Sarajevo early this morning," it said. In Sarajevo, Lieutenant-Colonel Bernard Labarsouque, of France, said: "A strike was carried out at 1835 (1635 GMT) just outside the southern edge of the weapons' exclusion zone, east of Mount Igman. Targets were destroyed."



A UN official said that poor weather had prevented the Nato planes from bombing the items taken from the depot, and that a list of comparable targets in fixed positions in isolated parts of the exclusion zone was given. He said the bombing, which followed repeated warnings, was a "measured and proportionate action".

Nato has more than 100 fighters, bombers and ground attack aircraft based in Italy, from America, France, Britain, the Netherlands and Turkey. The A10 is an attack aircraft designed for close air support of ground forces. It also has Maverick and Sidewinder missiles. The planes enforce an international ban on military flights over Bosnia and are available to help peacekeepers under fire.

The Serbs were clearly testing the resolve of the UN and Nato when they took their weapons yesterday morning. In an effort to ward off strikes, the Serbs placed a tank and an armoured personnel carrier near a school and a hospital. In many respects, yesterday's seizure the weapons paled in comparison to other provocations and brazen violations of the Nato ultimatum.

Western countries have been trying to heap as much pressure as possible on the Serbs — without jeopardising peacekeeping troops on the ground — since the Bosnian Serbs' rejection of the latest peace plan.

UN military officers and officials were alarmed that this action was a test run for dramatic violations of the Nato zone, possibly leading to the resumption of a brutal bombardment of the city. That was a possibility which UN, and particularly Nato officials, felt they could not ignore. Counter-balancing that concern were worries about possible retaliation.

In the past few months, as the Serbs have eroded the integrity of the artillery-free zone, Nato and Western officials have grown increasingly dismayed by UN passivity.

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ROBIN MAYES

Annabella and James Palumbo. "I am not allowed to say anything," he said. "But you can see the way I look."

First round in Palumbo feud goes to children

BY LIN JENKINS

LORD Palumbo, former chairman of the Arts Council, yesterday lost his High Court attempt to halt a legal action brought by two children from his first marriage over the handling of the family trust fund.

James Palumbo, 30, and his sister Annabella Adams, 32, allege that their father used more than £30 million from the trust to finance an extravagant lifestyle. They claim he negotiated a £10 million loan to meet his debts and paid for wine, cars, works of art and property with money from the trust, as well as making donations to charity and the Conservative Party.

Mr Justice Rattee, giving judgment at the end of a five-day private hearing, dismissed an application from Lord Palumbo to have the case struck out. The ruling allows the children to proceed with their action.

Mr Palumbo, Eton-educated and owner of the south London nightclub Ministry of Sound, left court with a broad smile. He said: "I am not allowed to say anything. But you can see the way I look."

Nurse bailed in Abbie case

Onlookers shouted abuse as Julie Kelley, 22, the former dental nurse accused of abducting Abbie Humphries from a Nottingham hospital maternity ward, was freed on bail to a secret address yesterday, on condition that she does not visit Nottingham or try to contact the baby's parents.....Page 3

Steering blamed for Senna death



A broken steering column probably caused the crash which killed Ayrton Senna (above), the Brazilian driver, according to reports published yesterday. Williams, Senna's team, challenged the reports.....Page 36

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The BBC may be forced to hand over its TV archive after programmes including Dennis Potter plays, *Doctor Who* episodes and early appearances by The Beatles have been lost .....Page 7

England declare

England declared on 477-9 on the second day of the Headingley Test and had Andrew Hudson, the South African opener, caught before the close.....Page 36

Oxford student harassed girl with 'sex letter'

BY ANDREW PIERCE

AN Oxford student disciplined for circulating a sexually explicit letter about a fellow student yesterday lost his appeal against the decision at the High Court.

Patrick O'Sullivan, 23, had mounted a rare legal challenge to the university's ruling that he was guilty of sexual harassment. His plea for a judicial review was rejected.

The hearing had echoes of the case last October of the student Austen Donnellan, cleared in the High Court of rape after the authorities at King's College, London, had tried to settle the matter internally. The college pressed Mr Donnellan to admit to a lesser offence, apologise to the alleged victim, and leave to continue studies elsewhere.

The High Court was told yesterday that Mr O'Sullivan, a postgraduate English student at St Hugh's, had put the letter, which was not in an envelope, in his former girlfriend's pigeon-hole at Lincoln College. He gave two copies to mutual acquaintances. The former girlfriend, known as Miss B, was "devastated" and her university work suffered, the court was told. Miss B, from Birmingham, is in the second year of an English doctoral degree at Lincoln College.

The couple had had a nine-month relationship, but when it ended Mr O'Sullivan had "rightly or wrongly" formed the view that his private affairs, including sexual matters, were being discussed by Miss B with other people. Mr Justice Latham told the High Court: "Mr O'Sullivan drafted a letter which was sexually explicit and extremely offensive, which he then copied. Other copies were either handed to or sent to people who knew both Mr O'Sullivan and the girl." The letter, though published to a restricted audience, had referred to Miss B's "sexual activities".

Mr O'Sullivan, accused of sexual harassment, was at

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RMT reject talks appeal

THE executive of the RMT transport union last night rejected an appeal from the Railtrack chairman, Bob Horton, to suspend strike action and open new talks to end the eight-week rail dispute (Ross Tieman writes).

Renewing his offer to "sit down and throw away the key until we get a complete agreement," Mr Horton sent two letters to Jimmy Knapp, the RMT general secretary, appearing to indicate that Railtrack could reshape its pay package to provide a higher rise in basic pay.

But after an hour-long meeting last night, Mr Knapp replied: "There is nothing in your letter that suggests a new basis for negotiation." The plan to strike on Friday next week and Monday and Tuesday the week after remains in place.

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Scotland steps in to save 'Three Graces'

BY DALYA ALBERGE, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

CANOVA's *Three Graces* seems likely to be saved for the nation after a last-minute intervention by the National Gallery of Scotland.

This was confirmed last night by Timothy Clifford, director of the Edinburgh-based gallery, just as the deadline was reached for an export licence to be granted. Campaigners had raised £4.7 million of the £7.6 million needed to prevent the sculpture being exported to the Getty Museum in California.

Mr Clifford was unable to elaborate on the details of the rescue bid, or to say how much of the remaining amount would come from his gallery's "resources". He said that discussions were in progress with the Victoria and Albert Museum, which has co-ordinated the campaign to save the statue. A "partnership" has been mooted under which the two museums might share the masterpiece.

The next move depends on a decision by Stephen Dorrell, the National Heritage Secretary. He is to decide over the weekend whether to defer granting an export licence to the Getty trustees.

Robin Cole-Hamilton, a spokesman for the Victoria and Albert, said: "We await the Secretary of State's decision. If he grants a deferral of the export licence, we will move at great speed."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

DoE 'back-pedalling' over nuclear dump

The Government was accused yesterday of back-pedalling on its commitment to dispose of all Britain's nuclear waste in a deep underground dump. A consultation paper from the Environment Department said that planning for the construction of the £3 billion dump at Sellafield by Nirex should continue, but that "no fixed deadline should be set for completion of this process". Previously it was said that the depository should be ready to take waste by 2015 at the latest.

The document, the first product of the Government's nuclear waste review, casts doubt on the justification for a dump by emphasising the need for a sustainable policy of waste disposal. It seeks views on the best method of disposal "in order to discharge our responsibilities towards future generations", which suggests that long-term storage, as opposed to dumping, has not been ruled out.

Dr Patrick Green of Friends of the Earth said yesterday: "The back-pedalling has started on the Government's nuclear waste policy. While it has yet to gather much speed, scientific evidence and economic realities will force it to abandon Nirex's proposed dump at Sellafield."

Two air strikes shelved

The immediate threat of two strikes by British Airways staff was lifted yesterday when workers agreed to further talks. A ballot of BA regional division cabin crew, in dispute over holiday pay, was postponed pending more talks. A ballot of cabin crew based at Heathrow and Gatwick was also called off to allow negotiations on work conditions.

Pupils expelled for theft

A group of school children who went on a shoplifting spree while on a geography field trip to Majorca have been expelled. The five boys and two girls were permanently banned from Breckfield Community Comprehensive in Liverpool after admitting stealing eight watches and a tie pin during an unsupervised lunch hour.

Runaway says sorry

A boy aged 12 apologised to police last night for disappearing with a stranger, prompting a search that cost £100,000. Ian Hartney left his home in Wigan on Sunday after a row about his pets. He was found on Thursday with the man, who had befriended him, in Harrogate, North Yorkshire. Police are questioning the man.

Baby died after scalding

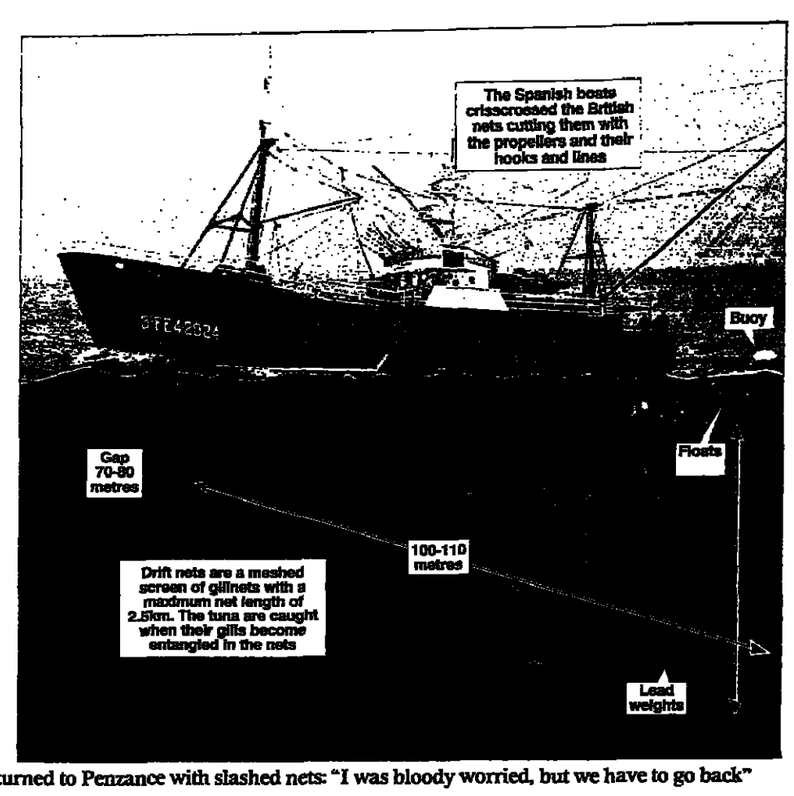
A two-year-old girl, Tega Unnajowhofia, died from severe burns hours after being plunged into a bath of boiling water by a babysitter because she had soiled her clothing, the Old Bailey was told yesterday. Toyin Taiwo, 26, of Camberwell, south London, denies murder and manslaughter on October 13 last year. The case continues.

Worm's fatal attraction

The lure of sex may soon be turned against the woodworm, scourge of furniture and floorboards. The scent used by the female woodworm to attract the male has been successfully synthesised and used in a trap. The woodworm are attracted by the scent and can be caught on a sticky material in the trap. This shows the presence of live woodworm, which can then be treated with poisons. Researchers believe this will prevent the use of harmful chemicals unless they are really needed. It is hoped to have traps on the market by Easter, ready for the woodworm mating season.

SIMON WALKER





Neville McCrindle, skipper of the Silver Harvester, returned to Penzance with slashed nets: "I was bloody worried, but we have to go back"

Spanish attacks may herald fish wars as Europe's stocks dwindle

BY NICK NUTTALL
ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE attacks on British and Irish fishing boats in the Bay of Biscay may be the start of a wider war between Spanish and other European fleets as trawlers compete for dwindling fish stocks.

A string of potential flashpoints are looming as Spanish trawlers win the right to fish in other nations' waters following membership of the European Union.

Norway, keen to become a member of the union, has agreed several concessions. These include giving Spain access to one of the world's last cod-rich waters, off its northern coast, where British vessels have been permitted under an existing Anglo-Norwegian agreement.

Richard Banks of the National Fishermens' Federation, said: "This could lead to problems ... the Spanish are renowned for creating damage in waters throughout the world. By damage I mean overfishing, fishing with small meshes and catching fish below the minimum landing size. Basically they have no regulation whatsoever."

Under the terms of the Iberian Act of Accession, Spanish fishermen will also gain free and unfettered access to the western approaches, the waters that run up to England and Ireland and on to Scotland, on January 1, 1996. British and Irish fishermen believe the bad feelings sparked by the tuna dispute and a longstanding belief that the Spaniards are flouting EU rules could trigger a long winter of hostilities off the British Isles.

Their fears are supported by the latest Irish government figures detailing boardings and detentions of vessels. At the moment 150 Spanish trawlers are allowed in Ireland's 200 mile Economic Exclusion Zone. In 1992 just over 16 per cent of fishing boats boarded by Irish fishery protection ships was Spanish.

"Yet every second Spanish boat boarded was arrested for major fisheries offences," a spokesman for Ireland's Marine Department said. Dublin, fearful that Spain's huge fleet will devastate its coastal fisheries, has been pressing the European Commission to exempt from the free-for-all the Irish "box", an environmentally sensitive area of 78,000 square nautical miles in which measures have been taken to conserve dwindling hake and monkfish.

These measures led to the formation of the Irish tuna fleet which operates about 18 ships in the Bay of Biscay out of Castletown, Co Cork.

The likelihood of hostilities erupting before January has also been raised by this week's attacks. Spanish boats operating in the western approaches dock at Cornish and Irish ports to refuel.

John Leach, whose company manufactures nets for the British tuna fleet, said: "They will not be welcome."

News of the flashpoints comes as three Irish tuna boats set sail with three experimental nets as part of a research programme into alternative designs to drift nets.

Navy seizes suspect British nets

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boats between Land's End and the Bay of Biscay. He told Spanish radio: "What's happened is that EU measures have been proved inadequate because authorities in other countries have not made sure their own boats implement the law, especially the French, and on some occasions the British and the Irish".

Jesús Villabona, of the main Spanish fishermen's union, representing 7,000 crew on 470 boats, said: "The violence is more or less justified. If the British authorities do not act to stop this type of net, it is the only way out. We saw three British boats fishing illegally this morning."

British skippers spoke of their anger and fear at being set upon by Spanish boats whose crews have used propellers and in some cases hooks on poles to destroy British nets. Others said the tuna war signalled the end of European fisheries policy.

Labour last night called for a reduction of Britain's fishing fleet, saying the tuna dispute was only a symptom of a growing crisis in managing European fish stocks. Elliot Morley, shadow fisheries minister, said the Government should increase the £25 million over three years reserved for compensating owners whose trawlers are decommissioned. "Over-capacity is driving boats to turn towards fishing for new types of fish, like tuna, which has no international or quota control. Atlantic tuna stocks could be wiped out," he said.

The Liberal Democrats said the EU should send its fisheries inspection vessel to the bay and halt Spanish "piracy".

'There is going to be death out there soon'

BY BILL FROST

THE signs of strain were deeply etched on Neville McCrindle's face under the arc lights on Penzance quayside at dawn yesterday. He begged a cigarette, saying he had not smoked before this week's encounter with the "wolf pack" in the Bay of Biscay.

"My wife would not like this, but after what happened I felt I had an excuse to smoke," he said, before treading on the butt.

He loves the sea, and he loves his job, even though being skipper of the *Silver Harvester* keeps him away from his family in Newlyn for two thirds of the year. Such is his affection for the life that Mr McCrindle named his daughters Kamara, 6, and Heleena, 2, after fishing boats he had captained.

Now the tuna war is threatening his livelihood and he is both angry and anxious. Everything he has worked for could be in jeopardy if Spanish trawlermen make good their threat to drive all Cornish fishermen from the Bay of Biscay.

"I don't own the *Silver Harvester*, I'm the skipper. I'm paid a proportion of the catch's value. There is no basic salary in this job."

He reckons that had he not been forced to leave the rich fishing ground in the face of Spanish "piracy", he could have netted at least another 1,000 tuna, worth £10,000.

"You can't afford to make that kind of loss more than a couple of times before you begin to really feel the pinch," he said.

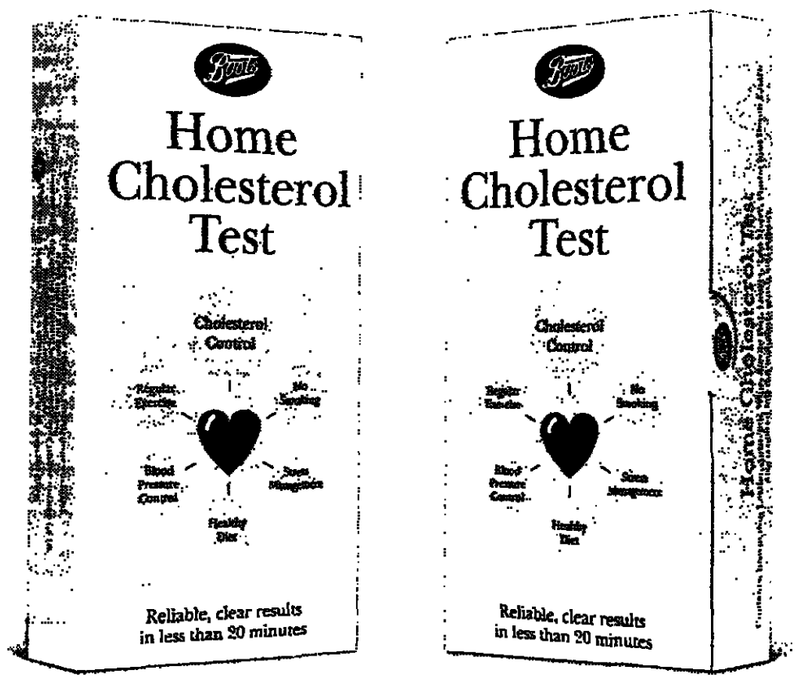
Recalling the clash with the Spanish, the lines on his face deepened again. "First it was a surprise when we saw them, then I was bloody worried. But we have to go back."

The brief time he has off before returning to sea and the threat of further attack by Spanish fishermen will be spent with his family. There may also be the opportunity for a rare round of golf.

His wife Stevie could not disguise her anxiety for his safety. "There is going to be a death out there soon. That's what it will take before our Government acts," she said. "They must sort the Spanish out and stop messing around."

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Aids victims put life policies up for sale

BY JON ASHWORTH

TWO 26-year-old men dying from Aids in America are to sell their life assurance policies at auction in London next week. The anonymous pair, one of whom has just over a year to live, hope to raise money to make their last months more bearable.

The sale marks the British debut of what Americans disparagingly know as "death futures", a market in which the terminally ill sign away life assurance policies at cut rates. The auctioneers H.E. Foster & Cranfield expect wide interest in Thursday's sale.

The market for policies belonging to the terminally ill has become worth $300 million in America in five years. Insurance companies there paid more than $1.52 billion in Aids-related claims last year.

The first lot is expected to raise about $60,000 (£40,000) for a 26-year-old who has a life expectancy of 18-24 months. The second should fetch about $90,000 (£60,000) for a sufferer with 13 months to live.

The buyer's profit will come when the policy holder dies: the first policy will pay $75,498 on death, so if the buyer paid $60,000 he stands to make nearly $15,500 (£10,300) in less than two years. The second policy, worth $100,000 (£67,000), could net a profit of $10,000 (£6,700) in a year or less.

Stephen Arghebant, the accountant who put the policies on the market, denied trying to make money from the misfortunes of others.

"We don't look at it that way," he said. "Aids organisations in the States welcome this type of market. Sufferers with full-blown Aids don't have a job, can't buy medicine and food. The sale of a life policy can be a godsend in their last months." He said the motive for selling in London was to introduce a new type of investment.

Leftwing MPs call for 'balanced' NEC

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE contest for places on Labour's National Executive intensified yesterday as MPs argued that the party's ruling body was dominated by shadow cabinet members and had no grass roots representation.

MPs from the party's leftwing called for a more "balanced" national executive to reflect a wide cross-section of the party. After the leadership elections and Neil Kinnock's appointment as an EC commissioner, there are three vacancies in the NEC's constituency section, one of which has to be filled by a woman.

Six of the seven places in this section are now taken by a shadow cabinet member. Peter Hain, MP for Neath, who is standing for the NEC, said that it had never been so dominated by the top echelons of the party, and would give Tony Blair too much power.

"It is very unhealthy," Mr Hain said. "With shadow cabinet collective responsibility no one can now step out of line at the NEC and put their own view."

This year's elections for the party's top committee will for the first time be run under the one member one vote rules. All 260,000 party members can take part in a national postal ballot which opens on August 13 and closes on September 20.

Jack Straw, shadow Environment Secretary, and Mo Mowlam, shadow Heritage Secretary, have a good chance of getting elected. Chris Smith, shadow environment protection spokesman, is also a frontrunner. Mr Hain, Dennis Skinner, MP for Bolsover, and Dawn Primarolo, shadow health minister, who are on the party's left, are jostling for a place.

Party sources yesterday confirmed that over 10,000 people had joined the Labour Party in the last weeks of the leadership campaign. More than 2,500 people have joined since Tony Blair's election.

Plea denied

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first rusticated for three months, the court heard, later reduced to a £500 fine after an appeal to disciplinary court.

Philip Engelman, for Mr O'Sullivan, who did not appear in court, said his client was a "brilliant" English student whose career could be damaged by the complaint. He had conceded to the disciplinary panel that he was guilty of "over-reaction", but said he had been angered that Miss B may have discussed his private life. He argued that the university court acted outside its powers, as the incident was a "private matter".

Mr Justice Latham was satisfied that the letter had been "a calculated and public attempt" to humiliate Miss B.

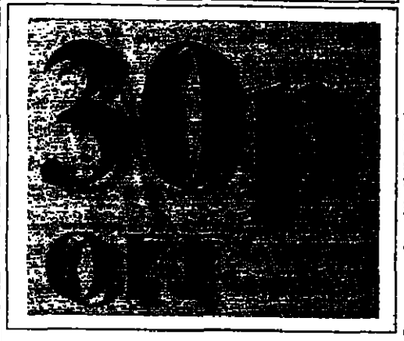
The case comes amid growing concern in university circles over legal challenges. A former senior proctor, Dr Phillip Allen, Fellow of St Cross, wrote in the *University Gazette*: "There is a real danger of the proctors being swamped in this pseudo-legal aspect of their work."

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Bail for woman who 'used elaborate cunning to take Abbie'



Kelley: bailed to a secret address

BY EMMA WILKINS

THE woman accused of abducting Abbie Humphries from a hospital maternity ward in Nottingham was freed on bail to a secret address yesterday on condition that she does not attempt to contact the baby's parents.

Julie Kelley, 22, a former dental nurse, used cunning and elaborate planning to take the baby from the Queen's Medical Centre four hours after her birth, Nottingham Magistrates' Court was told.

As Miss Kelley was driven away from court, accompanied by her father, Eric Kelley, 61, a crowd of 40 onlookers shouted abuse and attacked the car. She is accused of taking the infant on July 1, while allegedly disguised in a nurse's uniform and a dark wig.

Abbie was reunited with her parents Karen and Roger Humphries 15 days later, after police found her in a house in Nottingham which Miss Kelley shared with her boyfriend, Leigh Gilbert, 23, and his mother, Susan, 45.

Russell King, for the prosecution, said Miss Kelley had created a "web of deceit" by feigning pregnancy and deluding her boyfriend and Mrs Gilbert into thinking Abbie was her own child.

Mr King told the court: "In interviews Miss Kelley unfolded a plot similar to that of a film or a book. There was premeditation and elaborate planning by the defendant to commit the offence. She feigned the latter stages of pregancy and fooled her boyfriend, Leigh Gilbert, and his mother.

"For the two weeks she kept the baby there was massive press coverage of the case for the return of the baby. But her resolve and determination were paramount. There was a considerable amount of cunning in the actual offence," he said.

The court was told that Miss Kelley informed her family she was pregnant last year and felt she needed to produce a child.

"This 'pregnancy' lasted ten months and it was getting to a desperate stage," Mr King said. "She had to produce a child. She practised a web of deceit to her family and had to come up with a baby. That was the reason the baby was taken."

Miss Kelley, who has told her father she is five months pregnant, arrived at court from the hospital wing of New Hall Prison, Wakefield, West Yorkshire, where she was remanded after her first court appearance last month.

Mr King, who said the remand had been for Miss Kelley's own safety, added that there were no other grounds for refusing bail, if conditions were attached.

Michael Morris, for the defence, said an address had been found outside Nottingham. Miss Kelley was bailed on condition that she resides at the address and observes a curfew between 10pm and 7am.

Mervyn Harris, the magistrate, said Miss Kelley must not enter Nottingham, or contact the baby's parents, or Mr Gilbert. "You must have no contact with the child or her parents, and you must not contact Leigh Gilbert, who was or is your boyfriend, as I believe he will be a prosecution witness.

"My concern is that this young lady shouldn't do this again. I believe there have been admissions that she took this child. It has been said that she may be at risk from other people and it is therefore desirable that in the likely consequence of a conviction for this offence, you should not be in the city of Nottingham."

At an earlier court appearance when reporting restrictions were lifted, Mr Morris issued a statement on Miss Kelley's behalf, in which she admitted deep remorse and said she had cared for the baby to the best of her ability.

Outside the court, Mr Morris said: "Julie's health under the circumstances is quite good. She is determined to keep battling through."

The case was adjourned until September 6, when commital proceedings are expected to begin.

Neighbours of Mr and Mrs Humphries, who live in Sherwood, were distressed that Ms Kelley had been freed on bail. "Roger and Karen will be feeling very anxious now," said Linda Docherty, a near neighbour.

Mr and Mrs Humphries were not available for comment.

Court rules 13-year-old tearaway needs TLC

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A BOY of 13 who was accused of more than 120 offences when he made his first court appearance was told by the magistrate who sentenced him that he needed some "tender loving care".

After ten previous hearings that began last March, the outstanding 17 charges against the boy, who denied the offences, were dealt with on Thursday.

Sentencing him at Birmingham Youth Court to live in secure accommodation for a year, Jane Harrison, the magistrate, said: "What you really need is some tender, loving care."

Speaking yesterday, Mrs Harrison, 50, defended her remarks. "He needs to be protected. He needs a one-on-one relationship with someone who can give him guidance, discipline and affection," she said.

"He needs some care, some guidance, some tender, loving care; someone who can show him the error of his ways, otherwise he will go down a very slippery slope and when he is 15 can be dealt with differently."

She added: "He has got mixed up with older people who get him to do things for them that they don't want to do. We have to keep youngsters off the street and from older people like that.

"I am not the type of person who says have a holiday and no punishment. But for every smack a child gets he should also get a hug. This boy is from a good family, but is a tearaway who has gone off the rails.

"All children need discipline but they also need love and care — like we all do."

Mrs Harrison added: "I know the victims of crime will say 'What about us?'. I do think they do need protecting, of course. I think that youngsters like this need to learn discipline and need guidance and affection. I am saying it is up to him now."

Ian Hampton, for the prosecution, had told the court there had been ten trials involving the youth, who had been found guilty of charges ranging from assault causing actual bodily harm to burglary, robbery and assaulting the police.

The court heard that the Birmingham teenager, who cannot be named for legal reasons, had been in care since he was ten, when his mother realised she could no longer control him.

A Crown Prosecution Service spokesman said: "Since March, £3,000 has been spent prosecuting this lad. We have ten files on him which have been dealt with at various times over the last 12 months. He was sentenced on Thursday for the last 17 offences outstanding against him.

"He has been convicted of burglary, theft, attempted robbery and a lot of car crime."

Supt David Claydon, of West Midlands Police, said: "I have no wish to comment on a statement made by the magistrate which was clearly made after having considered all the evidence in this case.

"It is frustrating that magistrates apparently do not have any greater powers to deal with a young person who is clearly a persistent offender."



MARTIN KEENE

PC Barry Oldroyd-Jones with his wife Karen in Charing Cross Hospital. Shotgun pellets hit both his legs

Shot policeman describes ambush

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A POLICEMAN wounded in a gun battle on the streets of southwest London said yesterday that a cornered robber barely hesitated before shooting him.

Speaking from his hospital bed, Constable Barry Oldroyd-Jones, 31, a member of the Metropolitan Police firearms squad, joked as he showed the wounds from about 100 shotgun pellets in his legs. "I'm joining the dots up tomorrow," he said.

With his wife Karen, 30, also a police officer, at his side at Charing Cross Hospital, Hammersmith, he told how he had been in an armed response vehicle which arrived at the scene of the robbery attempt at a jeweller's in Putney on Tuesday afternoon.

He leapt from the car, donned his body armour and grabbed his weapons — a Heckler and Koch machine-gun and a Glock sidearm — before running across Putney Bridge in pursuit of a suspect.

PC Oldroyd-Jones and a colleague were searching Hurlingham Gardens when the man appeared. "He came out from some gardens about 20 feet in front of me. As soon as he saw me, he shot me. I just saw a dark figure because all I could see was the flash of the gun going off — it was a split second before it went off.

"I felt a burning sensation in my legs. I went down and scrambled for cover behind a wall." An unarmed officer rushed to his side and, as more shots rang out, grabbed the revolver to cover him. In fact, The shots were from a colleague's gun and, minutes later, after failing to get into neighbouring houses with a hostage, the gunman shot himself dead.

PC Oldroyd-Jones said he believed the man shot him in cold blood. "He basically tried to ambush us. I am not sure whether he knew that there were two officers there or one. He thought he might get away by taking out one."

The officer, who hopes to leave hospital this weekend, is keen to regain fitness and get back to active service as soon as possible, and his wife said she would not try to dissaude him. "He enjoys the job too much. We are all in danger when we walk out in uniform. Barry probably worries about me as much as I worry about him."

PC Oldroyd-Jones said the incident had not convinced him that police officers should be routinely armed and he was not sure whether the situation would have turned out differently if there had been more armed officers in the Putney area.

"I was armed and I still got shot, so I am not sure more arms are going to help anyone," he said.

Boys seen tilting big wheel car before fatal fall

BY EMMA WILKINS

TWO 14-year-old boys were seen rocking their seats on a funfair big wheel moments before one of them was killed and the other seriously injured in a 45ft fall.

Daniel Woodgate and Lawrence Clift, both from Lawford, near Colchester, Essex, fell from their car at the top of the wheel in the grounds of Manningtree Comprehensive School, Manningtree, Essex. The ride was stationary at the time.

Paul Hedges, the owner of the funfair, collapsed from shock after the accident and was under sedation yesterday.

Daniel, a pupil at St Joseph's College, Ipswich, died in hospital from head and internal injuries after the accident on Thursday evening. Lawrence was in a critical but stable condition at Colchester District Hospital yesterday. His parents were at his bedside.

Hedge's Fun Fair was closed yesterday while a Health and Safety Executive inspector checked machinery.

One of the boys was seen standing on his seat on the last ride of the evening by Roger Semple, 10, the son of the school's caretaker. "I saw one boy standing on the seat rocking the car. The other one was squatting down, but he was also rocking it about. Suddenly the whole thing tipped over and they fell out."

John Regan, Daniel's headmaster, said: "Daniel was a popular lad who will be sadly missed. He had lots of friends in and outside the school."

Michael Nesbitt, headmaster of Manningtree Comprehensive, where Lawrence was a pupil, said: "Our sympathies go out to the parents. Everyone is deeply shocked."

Essex police declined to comment on reports that the boys may have opened a metal safety bar on their car.

☐ A Consumers' Association report published on the day of the accident claimed children were at risk at some fairs because of irresponsible behaviour by staff.

Safety at large theme parks was found to be good, but the association's inspectors criticised poor staffing at smaller showgrounds, including staff who left rides unattended and let children under the minimum height go on rides.

A spokesman for the British Safety Council, which has already called for a review of safety standards at fairgrounds, said yesterday: "Accidents don't happen, they are caused and 90 per cent are due to human error — to untrained and unsupervised operators."



The big wheel from which the boys fell



Daniel Woodgate: died from injuries

Lloyd's losses jeopardise education of hedgerow saviour

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY
COUNTRYSIDE CORRESPONDENT

THE family of James Silk, the boy who helped to stop an Oxford college digging up an ancient hedgerow, are facing an uncertain future because of losses on the Lloyd's insurance market.

Hilary Silk said she and her husband Donald were unsure how long they could keep James, 9, at his private prep school. They may also have to sell their house in north Oxford, which looks on to the line of trees and bushes said to date from Saxon times.

Mrs Silk, a part-time law lecturer, said: "We keep looking at the hedge and wondering how long we are going to go on seeing it. We are just hoping we can hang on to the house." James's sister Polly, 7, was to have joined him at Dragon School, Oxford, next term but her parents cannot afford the fees for both children and she will go to a local state school.

Donald Silk, a retired solicitor, became a Lloyd's name in 1984. He learnt of his losses last month when the bills for 1991 came in. The couple are reluctant to disclose exactly how big a claim they are facing but Mrs Silk said that it was "substantial tens of thousands of pounds".

The hedgerow had been threatened by Wolfson College's plan to expand its sports facilities. James gave evidence to the planning inquiry, using a school project in which he studied the plant and animal life of the hedgerow. On Thursday a government-appointed inspector ruled in favour of conserving the trees and bushes.

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THE SUNDAY TIMES

Dylan, Caitlin and the second lover

'Love was a word that Caitlin Thomas found hard to express. Sex, yes. She understood that. It was primal, physical, a necessary fact — but Love, no. "Pah. I don't trust that



word. Sentimental nonsense," she snarled, cursing her dead husband Dylan, berating her living lover Giuseppe, insisting her life was raw, red, bleeding meat . . .'

The biographer George Tremlett on Mrs Dylan Thomas — in News Review, The Sunday Times tomorrow

Bel Mooney shuts out protesters

BY ROBI DUTTA

THE author and columnist Bel Mooney, who earlier this year went on hunger strike in support of anti-road protesters, was branded a hypocrite yesterday after refusing to let protesters camp in one of her husband's fields.

Sixty protesters, including "Eco Warriors", asked Ms Mooney, 47, to allow them to stay on the land after being evicted from a protest site on Solsbury Hill near Bath. She said the idea was "out of the question".

Villagers in nearby Batheaston, the main village the bypass will relieve, accused her of being a Nimby — "not in my back yard".

On Monday, protesters lost a legal attempt to stay at the site and were ordered to leave by 10am on Thursday. Representatives asked Ms Mooney if they could camp in a field owned by her husband, Jonathan Dimbleby.

She said it was not possible as the land was being used by Hereford cattle. "A lot of the people are nothing to do with the campaign — I would say around 90 per cent," she said yesterday. "This has been made into a mountain out of a molehill."

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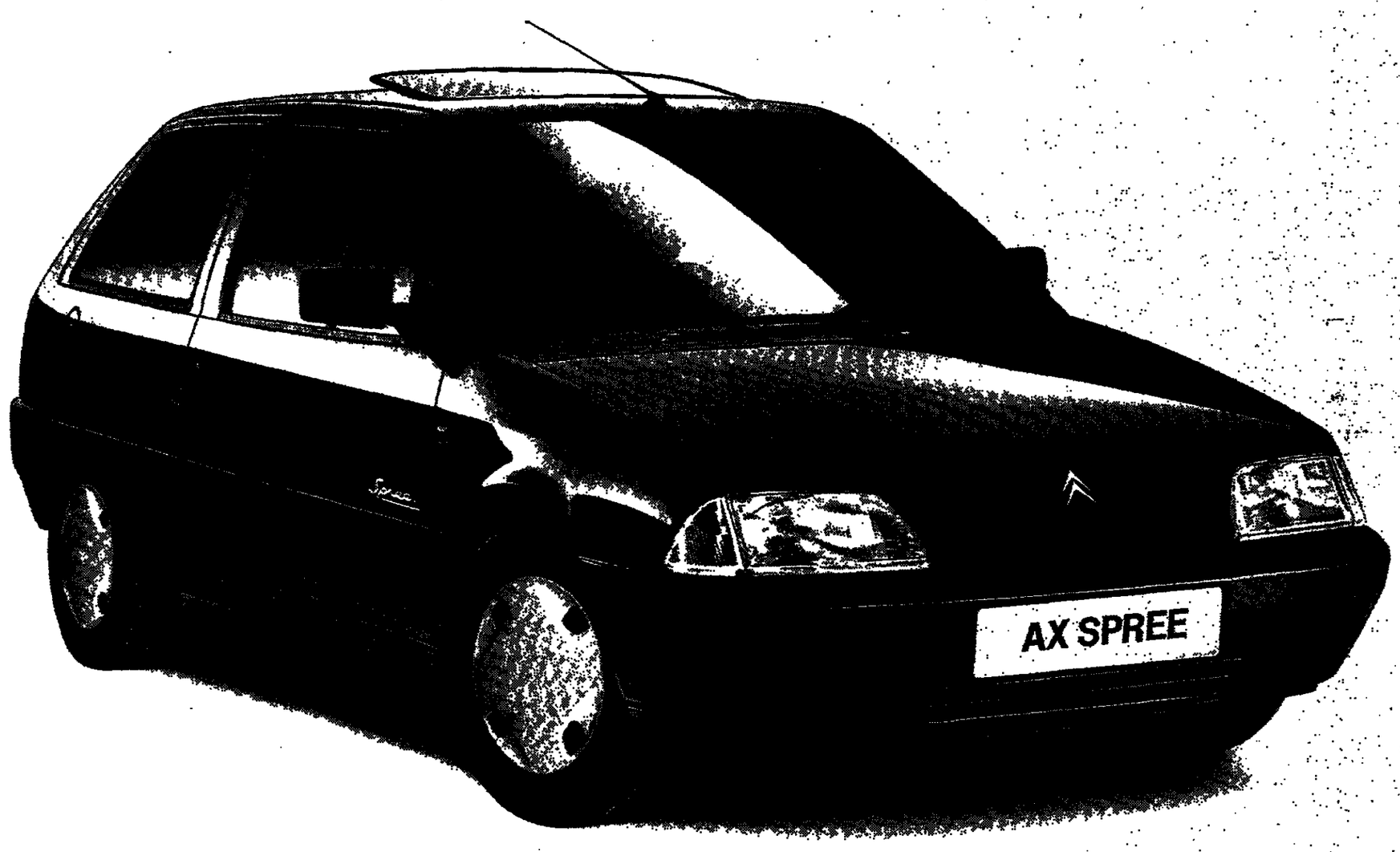
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Reforms turn head teachers into 60-hour 'workaholics'

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

HEAD teachers at secondary schools work at least 60 hours a week, according to an authoritative study highlighting the new "workaholic" culture gripping the profession.

The survey, commissioned by the School Teachers' Pay Review Body, found that secondary heads clock up an average of 61.1 hours a week, with primary colleagues working 55.4 hours.

Weekends and evenings are increasingly dominated by the demands of the job, with heads and senior secondary staff finishing one quarter of their work in what was traditionally leisure time.

Classroom teachers work a 49-hour week on average, with one in ten exceeding 60 hours, according to the survey, based on diaries and interviews with almost 4,000 teachers in England and Wales.

The findings underpin previous research by teaching unions claiming that six years of ceaseless Government reform has changed the culture of teaching, with longer hours and increased pressure, leaving more teachers stressed and anxious for early retirement.

Yesterday's report by the Office of Manpower Economics was prompted by widespread concern about the workload of teachers in the wake of the continuing dispute over national curriculum testing.

Its findings will strengthen the resolve of unions seeking substantial salary increases in the coming pay round. Teachers received a 2.9 per cent increase this year and the review body will receive evidence to support new claims from September.

David Burbidge, deputy general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said too many members had to put in long hours as they struggled to keep their heads above the desk.

He blamed almost constant Government reforms for the dramatic increase in workload, particularly the advent of local management which gave headteachers greater financial control.

"Many heads are expected to teach while running — some singlehandedly, others with a deputy — what are actually substantial firms with turnovers of up to £3 million for secondaries and £750,000 for primary schools."

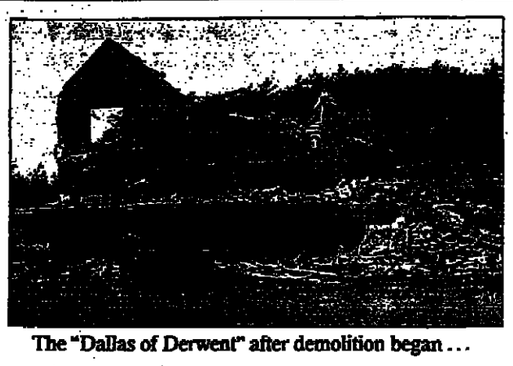
Mr Burbidge said the increased competition between schools had forced headteachers to take responsibility for marketing, as well as finance and administration.

Doug McAvoy, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said: "This study firmly lays to rest the public suspicion that teaching was about enjoying a quiet life with long holidays."

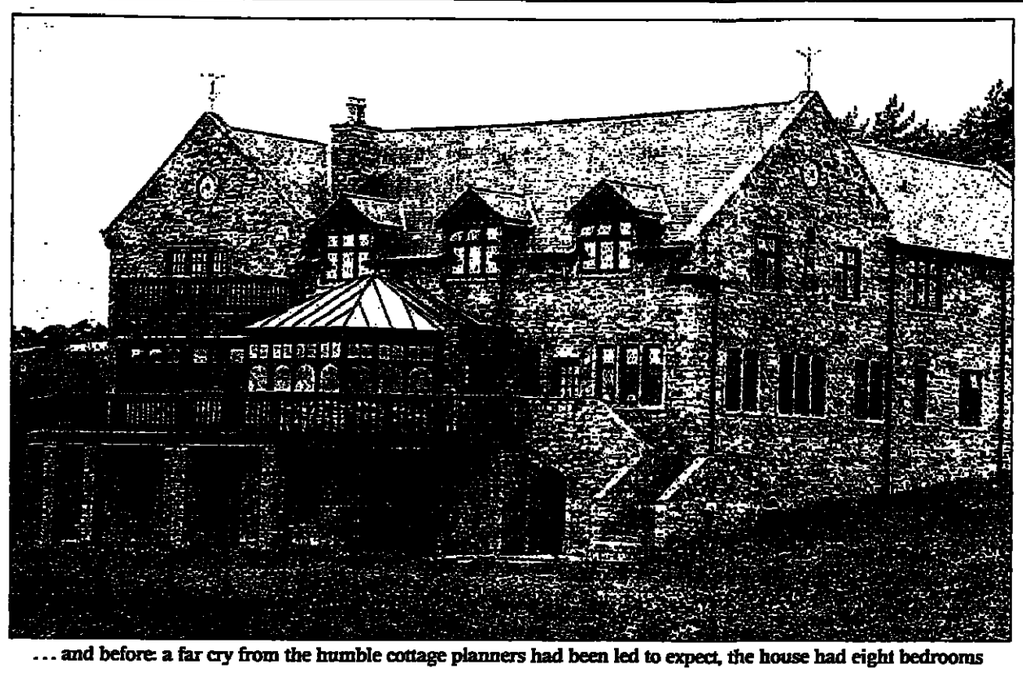
He added: "Teachers have been turned into 'workaholics', not for their own benefit or for the children's, but by the Government's demands and the constant turmoil of the last six years."

At present, teachers are legally required to work a notional 32.5 hours a week, plus an unspecified "reasonable" time to perform a variety of additional duties.

The National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, the second largest teaching union, called last year for a maximum working week of 35 hours to cover teaching, marking and assessing work and attending meetings with parents and colleagues.



The "Dallas of Derwent" after demolition began ...



... and before: a far cry from the humble cottage planners had been led to expect, the house had eight bedrooms

Indignant planners raze £500,000 house

BY PAUL WILKINSON

BULLDOZERS began yesterday to demolish a £500,000 house that planners say should never have been built. The three-storey home will vanish under the plough despite a prolonged battle to save it.

Liam O'Donnell, whose company is carrying out the demolition, said: "Once we have levelled it, top soil will be tipped over where it once stood and it will be re-seeded. It won't be long before there will be no sign that the mansion was ever there.

"It is such a pity to knock a beautiful building like that down. There are three storeys, built solidly from good stone. Those walls would have stood for years."

The destruction of the eight-bedroom house on the banks of the Derwent in Co Durham is the final act of a struggle involving Tynedale District Council, Badgerealm, a development company and its receivers.

Seven years ago the firm was granted planning permission for a traditional Northumbrian cottage outside the village of Allensford, close to the river that marks the county boundary with Northumberland. It was to be the home of the manager of the Royal Derwent Hotel.

Construction, which took ten months, was not completed until 1990, and when planners checked the site they found not a humble country-worker's cottage but an edifice subsequently christened The Dallas of Derwent. It had a bar big enough for a hotel, servants' quarters, verandah, a conservatory and a whirlpool bath as well as cloakrooms, two bathrooms and a pair of kitchens.

Worse, from the planners' point of view, was that it was 47 yards from the site of the original proposal. Before they could take action against the developer it went into receivership, but Tynedale did obtain a demolition order.

In October 1992 receivers acting for the developer appealed against the order. It was upheld last December and since then the interior has been stripped of its fittings and wood panelling ready for the arrival of the bulldozers.

Mike Smith, Tynedale's director of planning, said: "You could not wish to see a more blatant breach of planning regulations. We felt we had no choice but to knock it down."



Sally Burton: poem was nestling in book

Lost poem is portrait of Burton

BY DALYA ALBERGE
ARTS CORRESPONDENT

A POEM by Richard Burton, written at the height of his success as an actor, has been released by his widow, Sally.

The contemplative, moody poem, *Portrait of a Man Drowning*, is a self-portrait written in 1965. A year earlier, he had married Elizabeth Taylor and was wowing audiences with his Hamlet.

The poem was nestling between the leaves of a book, and dropped out when Mrs Burton picked it up. She said: "It is so illuminating of his mood at that time." Although she found it in 1989, she felt the tenth anniversary of Burton's death was an appropriate time to share it with the world.

Ms Burton said that her husband, an avid reader, had a habit of slipping notes and letters into books.

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Journalist swindled £140,000

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A FORMER senior journalist at the *Daily Mirror* who swindled the newspaper out of nearly £140,000 was jailed for 18 months yesterday. Roger Collier, described as an "extremely able and talented journalist of great versatility", set up two bogus companies to carry out the long-running series of thefts, Knightsbridge Crown Court was told.

Ian Stern, for the prosecution, said that for nearly four years Collier, as features editor, submitted claims for work he said he had commissioned from the firms. But the cheques made out to them by Mirror Group Newspapers were channelled into bank accounts he controlled and used to look after his wife and two children and his mistress. His crimes had come to light after he unexpectedly resigned from his £53,000-a-year post.

Collier, 47, from Richmond, southwest London, admitted 17 charges of theft and asked for 60 similar offences to be considered.

Sharon Baxter, for Collier, said that after he had served the Mirror group loyally for more than 20 years, he had fallen into "a pattern of crime to support not one family but a second" he had formed with his mistress in the south while his wife and children remained in the north.

Judge Richard Walker said it was a "very sad state of affairs" to see a man of his ability in the dock, but he was guilty of a systematic and very serious breach of trust.

Classic Range Rover won't be driven off

LAND Rover has spent four years and £300 million developing a new Range Rover only to discover thousands of customers still want the old one (Kevin Eason writes).

The company will unveil the new flagship model, codenamed Pegasus, next month. It is designed to replace the original, which is almost 25 years old.

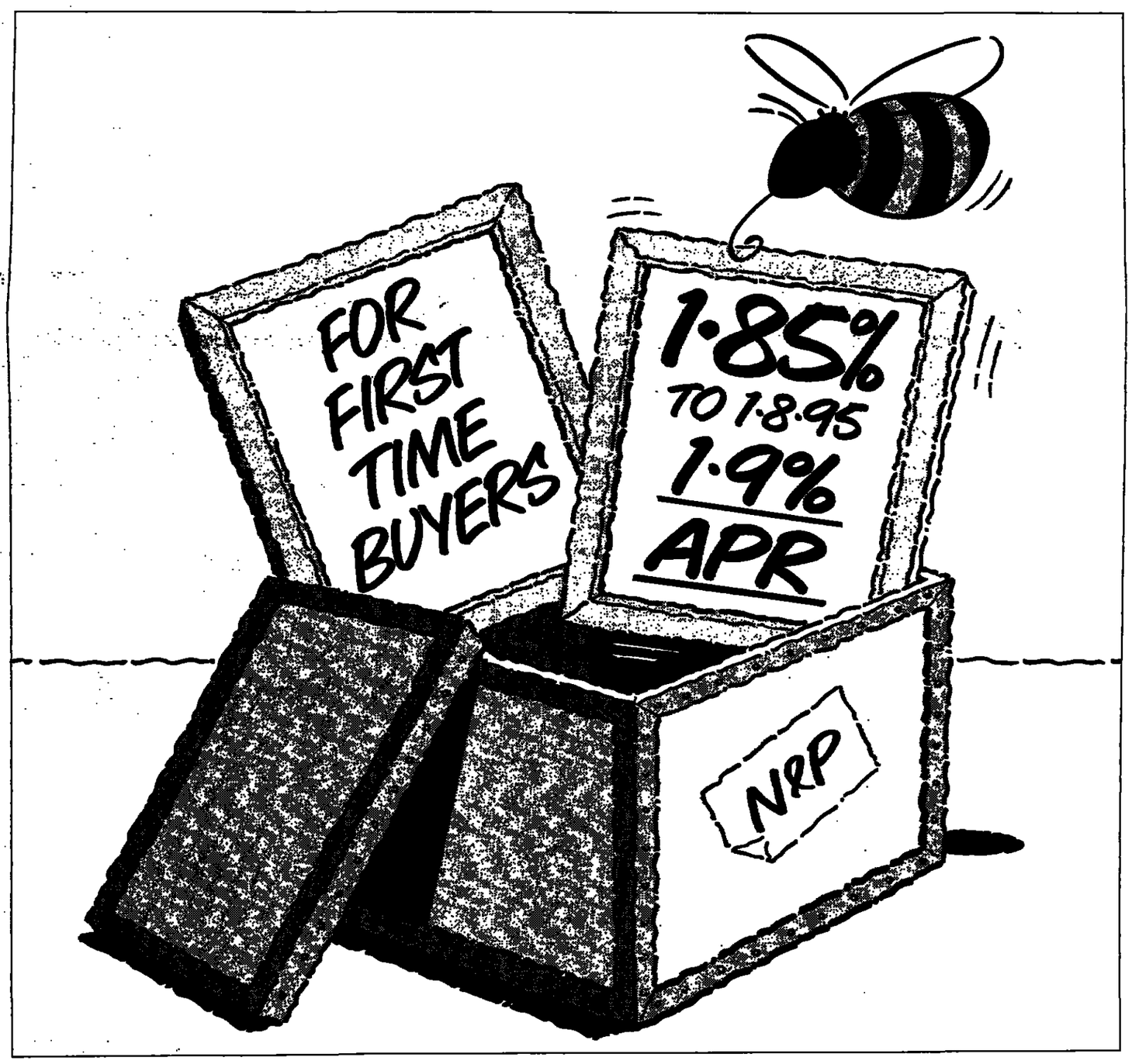
The company is preparing to make 650 of the new models a week, exporting more than 75 per cent. However, the factory at Solihull, West Midlands, will continue to make 120 a week of the original model.

Badged as the Range Rover Classic, it will be cheaper than the new car, probably priced at about £26,000. The new range, which the company claims will be the most sophisticated 4x4 in the world, will start at £32,000, rising to £50,000.

John Towers, Rover's chairman, said: "We will go on making the Classic as long as anyone wants it. The Range Rover was a unique vehicle when it was launched and is the one everyone has tried to copy. Customers still love the old shape and our information tells us there will be enough customers to keep it in production."

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CULLODEN 1746

The death throes of a lost cause



Culloden battlefield, a flat and windy moor on which the blood of 1,200 Jacobites was spilt by "Sweet William" Cumberland and his Redcoats

By Alan Hamilton

THE last battle on British soil lasted less than an hour, but it extinguished forever Jacobite hopes of regaining the throne and plunged the Highlands into years of suffering.

Culloden is a dolorous place, a flat windy moor east of Inverness littered with memorial stones and the graves of fallen clans, many of them erected nearly 150 years after the clash of arms that finally put paid to the Stuart dynasty's kingly ambitions.

It is an easy and satisfying battlefield to read, thanks largely to its owner, the National Trust for Scotland, which has done much to return the scene to its 18th century condition, including moving a road driven by the Victorians across the mass graves of Highlanders.

Prince Charles Edward, the Young Pretender — dashing but weak-willed and vain — seemed almost to have the Crown within his grasp when he marched his army into Hanoverian England as far south as Derby in 1745. But his campaign was derailed by indecision and by desertion among his clansmen, anxious to be home for the harvest: triumphant progress turned rapidly to retreat and pursuit.

Charles wintered in Inverness, with little to do but await the inevitable arrival of the Duke of Cumberland and his disciplined Redcoats. On April 12, 1746, Cumberland crossed the River Spey unopposed and two days later encamped within a few miles of Inverness, at Nairn, where the army rested to celebrate the duke's 25th birthday with copious quantities of brandy. Charles assembled his army and moved east, choosing to make his stand on the flat open moor of Drumossie, now known as Culloden.

The choice of battlefield was fatal and determined the outcome before a shot had been fired. Charles's Highlanders knew only one tactic: a wild, undisciplined charge to frighten the enemy, followed by deadly close-up work with broadsword and dirk. Such a tactic was well suited to rough mountain country, but Drumossie could have been custom-made for Cumberland's cavalry and artillery.

Word came from scouts that the birthday party at Nairn was in full swing. A surprise night attack on the camp seemed a perfect tactic, but the Jacobite raiding party was so slow that daylight was breaking as it reached Nairn. Exhausted and forced to withdraw, many a Highlander fell asleep by the wayside, waking only to find his throat being cut by a Redcoat.



The Young Pretender

As the armies met for battle at midday, Charles could muster only 5,000 men to Cumberland's 9,000. Wind, sleet and snow blew in the Highlanders' faces as the Hanoverian artillery opened up with murderous effect.

Charles, evidently failing to appreciate the extent of his casualties, delayed the order to charge. As a result his troops could only stand and suffer the slaughter, for they had no other answering manoeuvre. The charge, which should have been one terrifying advance of broadswords, was confused and ragged; the boy carrying the order from Charles was killed on his rounds and some regiments never received the message. The Hanoverians stood their ground and poured volleys of musket fire, cutting down the advancing clansmen by the hundred.

The carnage was appalling and the rout swift. As Charles was led from the field and into hiding, the Hanoverian troops began a systematic process of murder and mutilation on the field "such as never perhaps before or since disgraced a British army". Not for nothing was their commander known as Butcher Cumberland.

With a price of £30,000 on his head, Charles, accompanied by the devoted Flora Macdonald, was pursued by government troops and spies through the Highlands and islands for the next five months before escaping to France. Cumberland, who lost only 50 men killed compared with some 1,200 Jacobites, returned to London to a hero's welcome and the naming of a flower, the "Sweet William", after him.

The Jacobite defeat ushered in a period of cruel suppression throughout the Highlands, the end of the old feudal clan system and the introduction of southern sheep farmers who cleared the peasantry off the land, driving some to the New World. They never did catch Charles: he died, drunken and dissolute, 42 years later in Rome, the last prince of a lost cause.

☐ *Culloden Moor is on the B9006, 5 miles east of Inverness. The field has been largely restored and has numerous memorial stones and other features. Site open all year. Visitor centre, summer 9am-6pm daily; £1.80, 90p.*

Accommodation: *Culloden House Hotel, the luxurious Georgian mansion of the Mackenzies hard by the battlefield (0463 790461) is expensive. Clifton House, on the A96 just west of Nairn (0667 53119), is a highly regarded restaurant with 12 rooms.*

Further reading: *Prebble, **Culloden**, Penguin 1961; Barthorp, **The Jacobite Rebellions**, Osprey 1982.*

SEDGEMOOR 1685

The last battle

By John Young

THE Somerset Levels are among the most haunting landscapes in Britain. Once the flood plain of eight ancient rivers, the flat expanse of peat moor between the Quantock and Mendip hills has been extensively drained to grow crops and graze cattle. Here and there villages have been built on patches of higher ground.

It was close to one such village, Westonzoyland, that the last battle on English soil was fought between the forces of James II and a band of ill-trained rebels under the command of his nephew, James Scott, Duke of Monmouth.

The royalist army had evolved from its former feudal structure, into a disciplined force of professionals which included the forerunners of several of today's most famous regiments, such as The Blues and Royals, the Grenadier Guards, the Coldstream Guards and the Royal Scots.

In 1685 Monmouth, the illegitimate son of James's late brother, Charles II, was persuaded to leave his exile in The Netherlands to lead a revolt.

Monmouth landed at Lyme Regis, Dorset, with a small invading force in three ships on June 11, intending to march on Bristol. Recruiting on the way, he had gathered a force of some 8,000 men by the time he reached Taunton on June 18, although most of them lacked experience of warfare.



Royal troops at Sedgemoor were professionals

At Bridgwater on July 3 he learnt that government forces, under the command of the Earl of Feversham, were encamped only three miles away at Westonzoyland, behind a drainage ditch known as the Bussex Rhine. Believing that his only hope lay in a surprise attack, he marched his troops out under cover of darkness and in total silence, with orders that any man causing a disturbance should be killed immediately.

His precautions, however, were upset by an alert government trooper who detected the rebel advance, loosed off his pistol and rode back to headquarters calling: "Beat the drums, the enemy is come; for the Lord's sake, beat the drums."

By the time the rebel cavalry advanced, the government guards had been able to seize their muskets and take up their posts. The former were quickly beaten back by volleys of small-arms fire and the following infantry, confused and disheartened by their failure to take the royalists by surprise, refused to advance, even though they had a two to one advantage in numbers.

Feversham's counter-attack, delayed until daylight, was completely successful. The rebels scattered and fled, and Monmouth was captured two days later and executed on Tower Hill on July 15. To deter further rebellions, some 250 of his supporters were sentenced to death by Judge Jeffreys during the notorious "bloody assizes" and at least 800 others deported. Five years later James himself was dethroned at the Battle of the Boyne in Ireland and fled to France.

The moor on which the battle was fought is now largely occupied by fields of maize. A small memorial bears the inscription: "To the glory of God and in memory of all those who doing the right as they saw it fell in the battle of Sedgemoor, 6th July 1685, and lie buried in this field or, for their share in the fight, suffered death, punishment or transportation. Pro Patria."

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☐ *Westonzoyland is four miles east of Bridgwater on the A372. To reach the battlefield, turn north through some housing at the eastern edge of the village and follow the road to a sign at the end of a rough lane. There is also a footpath from the village.*

Accommodation: *The Walnut Tree, a former coaching inn in Bridgwater, is cheerful and comfortable. The Castle Hotel in Taunton has a high reputation.*

Further reading: *John Chandler, **Sedgemoor 1685**, Andrew Mott, 1985.*

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BBC may have to surrender archive to save TV classics

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

PLANS that could force the BBC to hand over its historic television archive are being drawn up after the loss of some of the nation's most cherished programmes. Recordings lost forever include some of Dennis Potter's plays from the Sixties, episodes of *Doctor Who* and one of the earliest television appearances by The Beatles.

The National Heritage Department, British Film Institute and BBC are to discuss the possibility of creating of a national television library in the autumn. The move comes amid concern that thousands of television classics have gone missing or are decaying, and master copies of recent productions are in danger of wearing out through overuse.

The 1990 Broadcasting Act contains provisions for ITV and Channel 4 to pay the BFI to conserve their original material, but there are no statutory provisions to ensure that BBC programmes are saved for the nation.

Other works that have been lost include some of Tony Hancock's early programmes, Julie Christie's first television appearance — in *A for Andromeda*, a science fiction production — and many early



What ever happened to early episodes of *The Likely Lads?*

editions of *The Likely Lads* and *Till Death Us Do Part*.

There were proposals for the BBC archive in original drafts of last month's White Paper on the future of the corporation, but they were dropped. It is understood, however, that the Government intends to have a section on the archives in the new BBC Charter, which will come into effect in 1997.

The new provisions could require the BBC to give master copies of all of its new, original programming to an independent collection such as the BFI's National Film and Television Archive. This could lead to the creation of a comprehensive national television library, an audiovisual equivalent of the British Library, which has the responsibility for collecting every book published.

Wilf Stevenson, director of the BFI, said: "The BBC *is* the history of broadcasting in the UK and we are very anxious to make sure that none of the material disappears."

Mr Stevenson said that the BFI was already transferring much of the BBC's old output from two-inch video tape to safer digital formats.

He was concerned, however, that master copies of new productions held at the BBC were being used as library copies rather than being kept in mint condition. "There is a danger that films can be worn out," he said. "We can guarantee to keep pristine copies of everything, and that makes sure it is saved for the nation."

Tony Palmer, one of Britain's foremost documentary directors, said the White Paper's failure to mention the BBC archive was a serious omission. "Television represents an important part of our visual heritage."

Keith Trodd, who produced much of Dennis Potter's television work, said that priorities had changed since the early days of television, when thousands of programmes were lost forever because the BBC often wiped tapes after seven weeks so they could be reused.

"There is a much more responsible attitude to conserving programmes of lasting significance nowadays. But, I fear, there will always have to be selectivity about what is kept because of the problem of finding somewhere to store everything," he said.

A BBC spokesman said: "We recognise the immense value of our archive."



Julie Christie, right, in her television debut *A for Andromeda*

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A dazzling light on our darkness

Geoffrey Rowell

On August 6 1945, the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima. The nuclear explosion created a dazzling light, "brighter than a thousand suns". It is, and was, a savage irony that the day of that nuclear explosion is for the Christian churches the Feast of the Transfiguration of Christ.

For well over a thousand years in the orthodox churches of the East, and rather later the West, Christians have celebrated the mysterious vision of Christ *in glory, radiant with light, witnessed by the three disciples*, Peter, James and John.

In the gospels it is a turning point, as Jesus sets his face to go to Jerusalem, to his passion and death, what St Luke calls his "exodus", recalling God's deliverance of his people from Egypt. The dazzling light of the mountain of the Transfiguration is a revelation of the divine glory, but the gospel writers, and particularly St John, see that same glory in the lifting up of Christ on the cross, for there in the torture, the evil and the darkness, faith discerns the glory of God, the revelation of God as love.

The psalmist praised God because "in Thy light we shall see light"; St John speaks of the creative word of God, as "the light that was the light of man", a light shining in the darkness, which the darkness was not able to overcome. The energy of light, the life-giving rays of the sun, the contrast between light and darkness, provide an archetypal symbolic language in which to speak of the presence and character of God.

The early fathers of the church spoke of the relationship between Jesus, the Son of God incarnate, and his Father, the source of all being, as being like the sun and its rays.

In the Christian mystical tradition, prayer is seen as an experience of both darkness and light: knowing God the creator, who is the transcendent ground of the world he sustains, is a darkness, yet a darkness which is the overwhelming of our limited human faculties by the dazzling brightness of the God who is light. In the *Paradiso*, Dante glimpses the light of the divine beauty, and is held transfixed by that vision. In the icons of eastern Christendom, the gold ground surrounding the subject of the icon is the light of the divine glory.

The Christian East has given a central position to the Transfiguration seeing, together with St Paul, "the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ", a magnetic mirror of human destiny: to follow Christ is to be "transformed into his likeness, from one degree of glory to another".

About the year 1000 the Byzantine mystic we know as Symeon the New Theologian wrote of his own experience of sharing in the communion of the God who is love in Trinity, "the Light appeared ... like the sun which dissipates the thickness of the clouds, and reveals itself little by little, bringing joy".

In the forests of Russia in 1831, a pilgrim reported seeing St Seraphim of Sarov transfigured like Christ, with "the light spreading everywhere, lighting up the falling snow".

Through learning the discipline of prayer and the attentiveness of contemplation, we learn to discern the glory of God in creation, and allow the light of his love to dispel our darkness.

In the end Christianity is a religion of transfiguration, of the world renewed by love and seen again in the light of God; of lives "changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place; till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love and praise".

Christ, like the sun too bright to look upon, casts light on every fact and reveals his power by the fresh colours he awakens in the wide garden of the world.

When we glimpse that light, then, as Edwin Muir wrote in his poem *The Transfiguration*, our hands are made new to handle holy things, and the source of all our seeing is rinsed and cleansed. We discover that the world is indeed "charged with the grandeur of God".

☐ *Dr Geoffrey Rowell is Bishop of Basingstoke*

Cleric writes a record 20,000 words of God

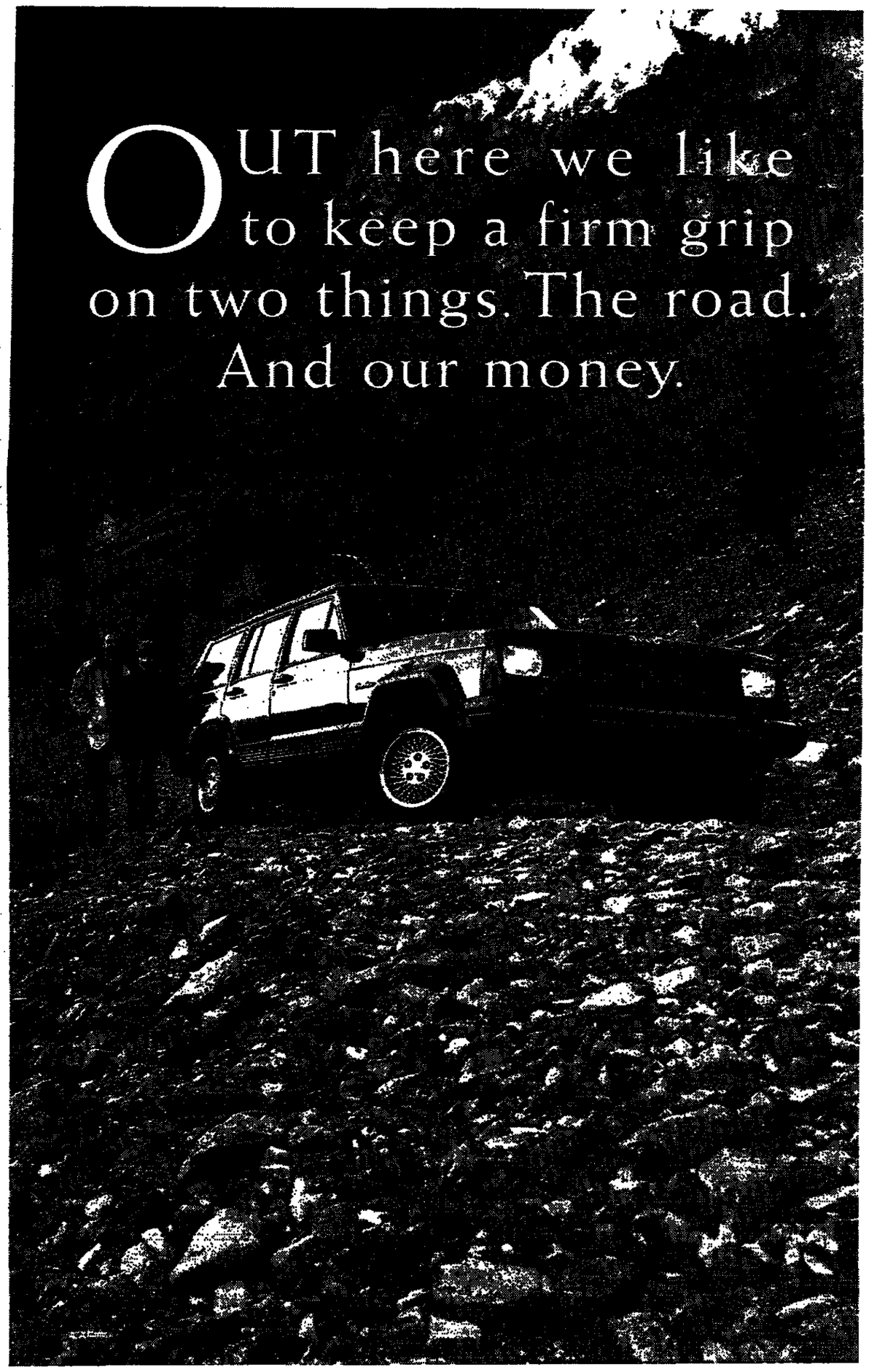
THE Rev Lionel Fanthorpe wrote himself into the records yesterday by pounding out a 20,000-word book in 24 hours in spite of his computer developing "writer's cramp".

Red-eyed, with his dog-collar askew, Mr Fanthorpe, 59, a writer of science fiction and occult books with 200 titles to his credit, finished his session at noon.

"The word-processor had a nervous breakdown in the early hours and I lost nearly three hours' writing time," said Mr Fanthorpe, of St German's Church, Roath, Cardiff, who wrote the book in the city's public library and hopes to have raised £1,500 for the local Samaritans.

He easily beat the existing record of 16,000 words in 24 hours set by Guy N Smith in March. For his record attempt he produced a series of sermons on the theme of "Thoughts and Prayers on Favourite Biblical Texts". His final line was "Alleluia!, God be praised! Amen!"

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Cornish dig deep and save last bastion of tin mining

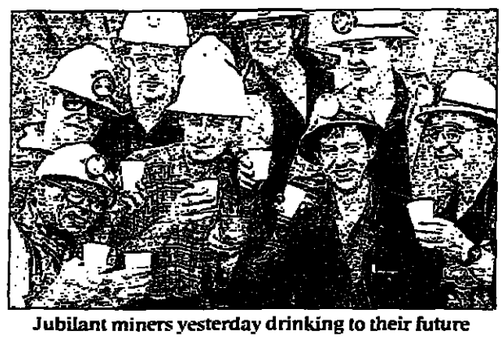
By Catherine Milton

A CORNISH tin miner turned City entrepreneur brought in the vital foreign funds needed to save Britain's last working tin mine from closure. South Crofty, near Camborne in Cornwall, which has been operating for over 400 years, announced yesterday that it had raised more than £1 million.

More than 1,500 local small investors have offered to buy shares worth £500,000 in the loss-making mine and two unnamed corporate investors stumped up £650,000 hours before Thursday's midnight deadline.

The £1.15 million means the Government and RTZ, the mine's former owner, will write off £31 million in loans to South Crofty, ensuring that a 2,500-year-old tradition of tin mining in Cornwall will continue for at least 18 months.

The 260-strong South Crofty workforce yesterday opened the champagne and thanked everybody who had helped to save their jobs and tradition, and the name David Williamson was high on their list of toasts.Mr Williamson, 52, grew up in Camborne and worked as an engineer in Cornish mines before a seven-year stint as a manager in Malaysia. He now runs a consultancy in the City of London.



Jubilant miners yesterday drinking to their future

Mr Williamson said he realised that South Crofty was unlikely to raise the vital £1 million on the strength of its emotional appeal to the people of Cornwall last June. "So I rang up the managing director and offered to help. I tried the City of London first, then I thought of some foreign contacts. One of them expressed interest and has contributed a sizeable chunk of the money South Crofty needed. It's just brilliant."

"Indescribable" was the word used by Kevin Ross, the mine's managing director. "Local support has been unbelievable. It is Cornish people who have saved the Cornish mine," he said.

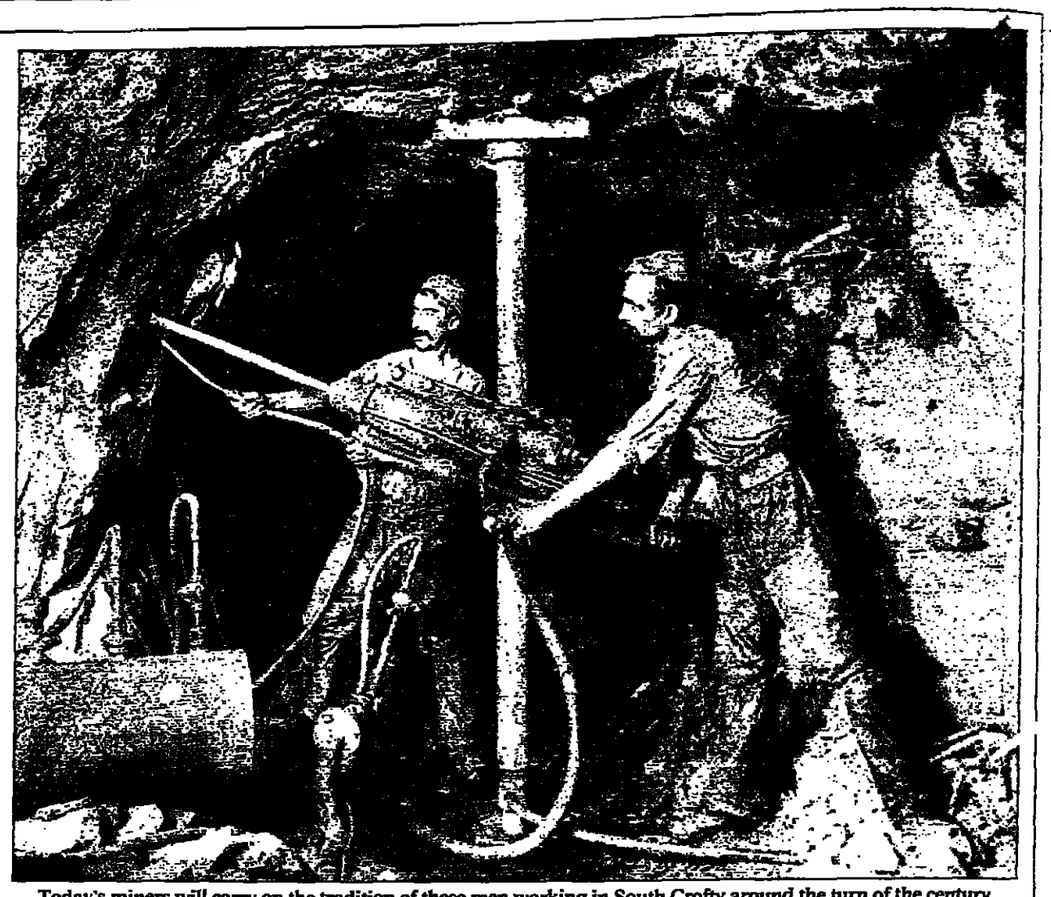
"The incoming cash will provide a buffer against our current losses at the moment. And we will be able to buy more machinery to prepare for the upturn in prices."

Simon Davey, an apprentice whose father worked in the mine for 28 years, said as he came off shift yesterday: "The Cornish always come up trumps. Hopefully this is the next step in our future — although we have a long way to go yet."

Phil Phillips, 45, from the village of Blackwater, declared: "I feel great." A tin miner for more than 20 years, he said: "We were all very anxious to hear the news and it is excellent. It has been quite a cloud hanging over our heads and it is nice to know now we have got a future.

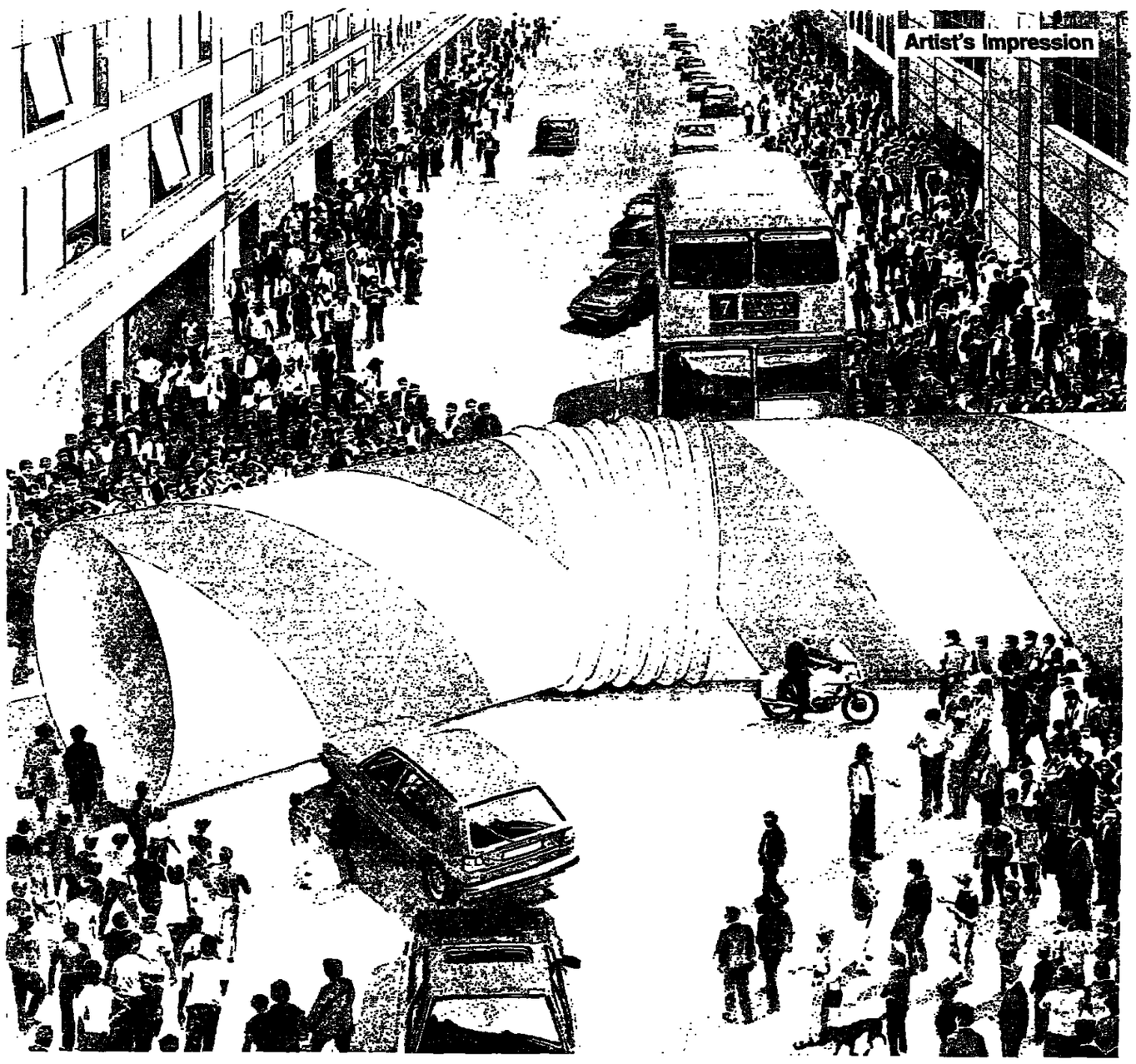
"We've been through hard times, but with so many people supporting us we don't want to let them down."

Eric Watkins, 46, a surface worker said: "The men are just ecstatic. It is wonderful news. The men and management have been working hard to save the pit and we are all very proud."



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Teacher dies after eating nectarine

By Jeremy Laurance
Health Services Correspondent

A WOMAN died from an allergic reaction two hours after eating fruit contaminated with pesticides, her husband claimed yesterday.

Twenty minutes after eating a nectarine Chrystine Seymour was covered in a rash. She was taken to hospital but died less than two hours later.

Samples of the fruit, bought from Rugby market, have been sent to public health laboratories for tests. The nectarines came from Italy and others from the same batch are likely to be on sale across the country.

Mrs Seymour, 49, a teacher from Rugby, Warwickshire, complained of feeling unwell shortly after eating the fruit on Saturday. Her husband Leslie, 63, said: "Chrystine was convinced the fruit had a pesticide on it. She suffered a similar reaction when she was a child and ate a contaminated strawberry. She was prone to allergic reactions and was always careful with fruit, but there should be some sort of warning if they are treated with pesticides."

A spokeswoman for Rugby council said: "We have contacted other councils but as yet have had no reports of any similar incidents."



Seymour: body was covered in a rash

NEWS IN BRIEF

Parachute load kills soldier

The Army has begun an inquiry after a soldier was killed by a pallet parachuted from a Hercules aircraft.

Private Christopher Game, 21, of the Royal Logistics Corps, was crushed by the pallet, carrying a motorcycle, during exercises at South Cerney Army Camp near Cirencester, Gloucestershire.

A Gloucestershire police spokesman said: "It looks like the pallet landed on top of him and there was nothing anyone could do."

Sentence anger

Two boys of 15 who said they burnt down their classroom at a Bournemouth school to get a week at home were sentenced to 24 hours at an attendance centre by a youth court in Christchurch. Ian Bruce, the local Tory MP, condemned the sentence as inadequate.

Arms remand

Stephen Christopher, 32, of Runcorn, Cheshire, was remanded in custody by magistrates after weapons, including nine machineguns, and 3,000 rounds of ammunition were found at a house.

Accountant stole

Michael Briggs, former chief accountant of Lincolnshire Training and Enterprise Council, was jailed for a year by Lincoln Crown Court after admitting stealing £84,000 from the agency.

Beat goes on

The police station at Cinderford, Gloucestershire, is to close for a month because a receptionist is ill. Police chiefs say they do not want to take an officer off the beat to cover.

Epilepsy change

The Government is to reduce the ban on driving for people who suffer an epileptic attack while awake from two years to one.



KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

Arkell shares lead

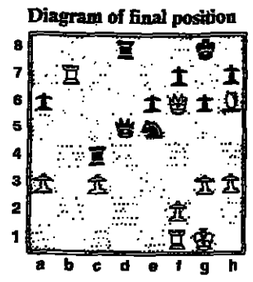
As the first week of the British Chess Championship, currently in progress in Norwich, nears its close, the lead is shared with 3.5/4 by Keith Arkell of Derby, William Watson of London and Chris Ward of Beckenham.

White: Keith Arkell
Black: David Walker
British Championship, 1994

Kings Indian Defence

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17	Bd5	e6
18	Bg2	Rd8
19	Qg4	Nbd7
20	Rab1	Rac8
21	Bxb7	Nxb7
22	Rxb7	Ne5
23	Qf4	Rxc4
24	Qf6	Qd5
25	Bh6	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



FIDE championship

All three matches in the FIDE Championship in Sanghi Nagar, India are currently level pegging. Gelfand v Kramnik and Anand v Kamsky both stand at 3.5-3.5, while Timman v Salov, who started late, are at 3-3.

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Japan confronts glossed-over wartime past on A-bomb anniversary

Tokyo uses opera to project theme of Hiroshima victims

BY JOANNA PITMAN



Carreras: sensitive role

THERE is a keen mind at work in Japan's higher echelons of state that happens also to be an ardent fan of the three tenors. José Carreras had barely unknotted his bow-tie after a rousing performance with Luciano Pavarotti and Plácido Domingo in Los Angeles last month before he received an invitation to star in something yet more spectacular — Hiroshima '95.

A year from today Carreras will step into a stadium in Japan's southern city of Hiroshima and send his exquisite voice soaring into the firmament in a ceremony to commemorate the 120,000 killed by the atomic bomb dropped on the city on August 6, 1945. The televised event will be piped live into hundreds of millions of homes all over the world, will be sold on CD and video, and probably be sponsored by manufacturers of soft drinks or disposable nappies, whichever is quickest off the mark. Japan is doubtless aware that it should be careful that the spectacle remains firmly on the dignified side of Olympic-style pageantry.

But the choice of Carreras is appropriate. Two years ago the singer emerged from a five-year battle against leukaemia and now channels much of his earnings to other victims of the disease. His name now carries sufficient weight virtually to guarantee that the eyes and ears of the world will be focused on Hiroshima on that day. The event will be managed — as it will on today's 49th anniversary — to portray Japan as it has always wanted to be seen in the context of history: the nation more sinned against in wartime than any other, the defenceless target on the only two occasions when nuclear weapons have been used in conflict.

Hiroshima has become the spiritual capital of Japan's peace movement, a campaign which carries little political weight but has gathered tremendous psychological influence. In spite of the martial traditions of its culture, the country has self-consciously remodelled itself: peace studies are taught with something of the high solemnity that the British reserve for sex education. Young people grow up fully informed of their country's sufferings during the war and convinced that there is no better goal for Japan than pacifism. Politicians, whatever their views on defence, have to pay lip-service to "peace diplomacy", and intellectuals and the media tirelessly promote the ideal of isolationism.

Pacifism is central to Japan's treatment of its defeat. Ever since the surrender on August 15, 1945, when Emperor Hirohito gave new meaning to the word euphemism in telling the nation that "the war situation has developed not necessarily to Japan's advantage", Japan has crafted an image of itself as the victim.

As the emperor put it: "We declared war out of our sincere desire to ensure Japan's self-preservation and the stabilisation of East Asia, it being far from our thoughts either to infringe upon the sovereignty of other nations or to embark on territorial aggrandisement."

Many have argued that this dishonest statement was necessary to preserve Japan's self-respect to prevent the outbreak of anarchy and to begin to build foundations for the country's postwar renewal. Preservation of the imperial system probably did help to stabilise a society on the verge of collapse, but its exploitation to persuade the people that Japan had committed no wrongs during the war has also led to confused, if not downright deluded, self-perception and a dangerously limited understanding of Japan's standing with regard to the rest of the world.

It is often remarked that, if the passage of time is measured in terms of the speed and extent of its transformation since the war, then Japan has moved further forward than any other nation since 1945. Yet if the passage of time is measured in terms of the hold of the past over the present, Japan has barely moved at all. History textbooks are still censored to gloss over or omit the more brutal details of Japan's atrocities in Asia. Japan is not, of course, unique in touching up its history books, but there is a difference between offering partisan interpretations and omitting events altogether.

Only two years ago Tokyo reversed its position to admit the existence of official wartime "comfort women" — Asian women enslaved to have sex with Japanese soldiers. But a year ago Morihiro Hosokawa, the former Prime Minister, was forced to retract his apology to South Koreans for their treatment during the war. Then Shigeto Nagano found himself out of a job as Justice Minister within a week after newspapers reported his claim that the Nanking massacre was a fiction created by the Chinese.

If Japan's aim is, as it reminds us, to strengthen its international relations and promote peace, then it must allow debate about the war to flow. It is impossible for Japanese businessmen or diplomats to promote profitable links with, for example, Chinese or Malaysians without being aware of their interpretations of wartime events. Ultimately, the accepted wisdom that Japan must play only the role of victim is most damaging to the Japanese themselves.



A woman praying for A-bomb victims at Hiroshima's Peace Memorial Park yesterday



Hiroshima after the bombing 49 years ago today

US kennel club raises hackles with dog-fight over labradors

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

IT IS dog eat dog at the American Kennel Club. This exclusive organisation, the principal overseer of canine breeding in the United States, has declared that while tall or "American" labrador retrievers qualify as championship material, the shorter or "English" version is no longer welcome in their club.

A group of outraged short labrador breeders, who have seen their show dogs — formerly worth up to $30,000 (£20,000) a piece — suddenly reduced to mongrel status, is suing the American Kennel Club (AKC) for $11 million on the ground of discrimination.

The case is now headed for federal court in New York, and the US anti-trust division of the Justice Department is reportedly reviewing the allegations and may open an investigation into whether the club ruling is anti-competitive.

The labrador, America's most popular dog numbering more than one million, can be broadly divided into two types: the American (taller, thinner, bred for hunting more neurotic) and the English (stockier, more placid, an ideal pet). Think: basketball player versus rugby prop forward.

For the past 60 years the rules have allowed both sizes of dog to compete in shows, but this year the Labrador Retriever Club and the American Kennel Club announced that male labradors under 22½ inches and females under 21½ inches could no longer qualify as champions. Overnight the English lab was reduced to a mere mutt.

Breeders of the smaller labradors say their financial losses could be as high as $27 million, while guide dog organisations fear the variety of labradors for the blind could be reduced.

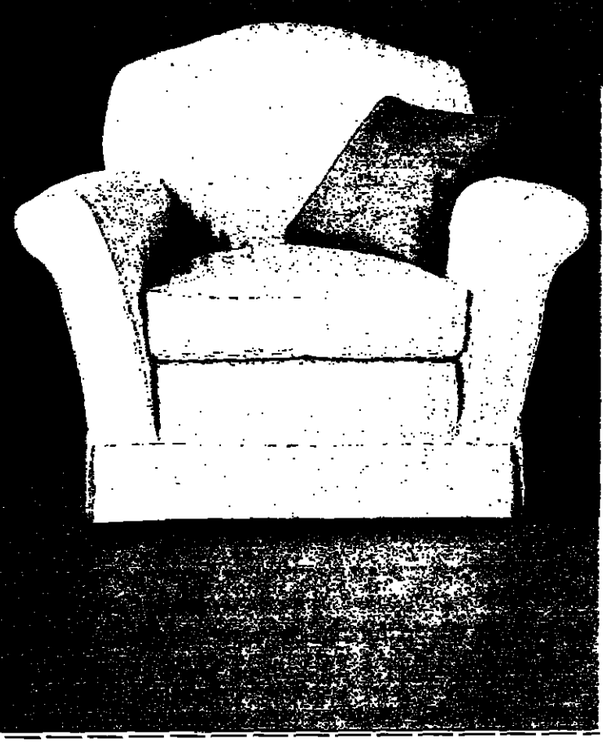
"The standard attempts to destroy something that's the result of 150 years of breeding," said one of the breeders filing suit against the club. "If it stands, we're all out of business." The complaint filed last month described the ruling as "a classic anti-trust conspiracy". Hackles rising, the club replied that the suit was "an unwarranted intrusion into the internal governance and rules" of the club.

The AKC was set up in 1878 by wealthy New York dog fanciers and now sets the standards for 130 different breeds. "If we hadn't drawn the line, eventually we'd have miniature labs," said Nelson Sills, of the AKC board of directors.

As if the dog-fight over labradors was not trouble enough, the club faces a challenge from irate Cavalier King Charles spaniel owners. The independent Cavalier Club, an aristocratic bunch, voted to reject an invitation to join the club because the AKC accepts dogs bred at wholesale puppy mills. In turn, the AKC encouraged renegade King Charles spaniel owners to set up a breakaway club under its control — setting Cavalier, as it were, against Roundhead.

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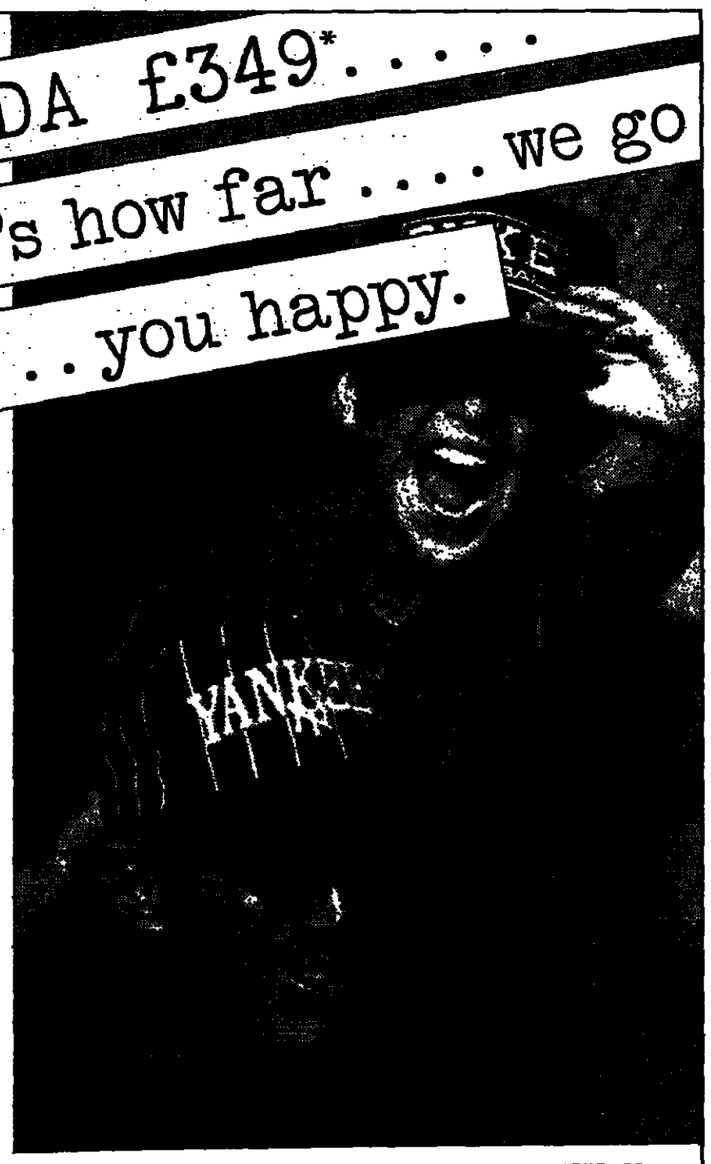
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Clinton puts back US deadline for invasion of Haiti

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

WHILE the ruling junta in Haiti continues to needle Washington with its resolve, it emerged yesterday that President Clinton may delay any invasion of the Caribbean nation until mid-September, when his advisers say conditions would be ideal for military action.

Numerous factors are said to have prompted the apparent decision by the White House to avoid an invasion during August, most notably Mr Clinton's more immediate concern to ease the passage of healthcare reform. September would also have the virtue of coinciding with the end of the congressional recess.

In addition, the suggested deadline would allow time to train the international component of a US-led invasion force. Argentina, the only country to have offered help, has now withdrawn due to a lack of support from either Cabinet or military. A rift between State Department and Pentagon continues to overshadow the decision-making process and, according to one official, Mr Clinton has yet to focus fully on actual military intervention.

The President must consider the effects of sanctions, if he should issue a deadline for the military regime to go, whether to send an envoy to deliver his ultimatum and, not least, the question of seeking Congress's support. Republicans have suggested that Mr Clinton may wait until October to give a fillip to the Democratic polls in congressional elections the following month.

Officials say sanctions have been undermined by easy access across the Dominican Republic border. They say a proper blockade would be in place before next month, preventing up to 30 per cent of gas and oil needs being met.

The new deadline appears to have been hammered out at a series of meetings this week at which General John Shalikashvili, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, proposed four to six weeks as "optimal" for training an international force. Efforts to collect invasion allies have not been helped by plans for a mission to Haiti by Latin American countries to encourage the negotiating process. This has been put on hold until America gives a clear sign that any invasion would follow an ultimatum.

Supporters and advisers to Jean-Bertrand Aristide, the deposed President of Haiti, believe that any delay is a manoeuvre by the Clinton Administration to prepare some form of compromise with those opposed to him.

☐ **Miami:** More than 100 Cubans arrived in Key West, Florida, yesterday after they hijacked a ferry boat in Havana harbour using toy guns. They fended off Cuban gunboats until reaching international waters and were picked up by the US Coast Guard.

Senate asks for guard on abortion clinics



Women in bullet-proof vests protesting at the Florida governor's mansion against anti-abortion violence

FROM ROBERT GREEN IN WASHINGTON

THE US Senate has unanimously called for the government to protect the patients and staff of abortion clinics after last week's double murder at a Florida clinic.

The 98-0 vote came shortly after a senior Justice Department official said federal protection of clinics round the nation could not continue indefinitely.

The Senate resolution called on Janet Reno, the Attorney-General, to provide protection for women entering abortion clinics and doctors and clinic workers, while also protecting the rights of protesters. The resolution condemned the killings last Friday of a doctor who performed abortions and his escort at a clinic in Pensacola, Florida, as acts of terrorism and violence. US marshals were sent to about a dozen clinics after the murders.

Miss Reno said after the shootings that the department was investigating to see if there was a national conspiracy by militant abortion opponents to attack clinics and workers. John Schmidt, Associate Attorney-General, said that Miss Reno and the Marshals Service would monitor which of the more than 3,000 abortion clinics in the United States should be guarded after consulting police, who have the first responsibility for protection.

Among clinics being protected are those in Pensacola, where a doctor was murdered last year; in the Washington suburb of Falls Church, Virginia, where a clinic was firebombed a week ago; and in Houston, Wichita and Melbourne, Florida, where there have been some big abortion protests. *(Reuter)*

NEWS IN BRIEF

47 die in Russian military air crash

Moscow: A huge Antonov 12 Russian military aircraft crashed in Siberia yesterday, killing 47 people, mostly air force officers, and dealing another blow to Russia's crumbling reputation for air safety (Anatol Lieven writes). It was the third serious air disaster in Russia this year.

The plane crashed on landing at the military airport at Bada, near China. Officials said an engine fire may have been responsible.

Mine threat

Sanaa: The UN, which is calling for £15 million for reconstruction, says 110,000 Yemenis cannot return home or work in the south of the country because of landmines planted during the two-month civil war that ended a month ago. *(Reuter)*

Blood penalty

Moscow: Akhmat Azimov, 24, has been sentenced to death in Andizhan, Uzbekistan, for raping, killing and drinking the blood of four boys, *Trud* reported. Azimov told the court: "I abducted handsome little kids — only boys." *(AP)*

Hunger strike

Tirana: A hundred former political prisoners in Albania have begun a hunger strike for monetary compensation for the wrongs they suffered under the recently toppled Stalinist regime, their representative said. *(Reuter)*

Pact signed

Buenos Aires: The Presidents of Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay and Paraguay were due to sign yesterday, Mercosur, a common market pact designed to boost trade in South America. It will take effect on January 1. *(AP)*

Man eats cat

Johannesburg: James Ramerski, 41, was fined 100 rands (£20) for clubbing to death and eating a 3,000-rand Maine Coon cat. He said he was hungry, adding that the animal tasted like chicken. *(Reuter)*

'Nails in the skull' craze hits Romania prisons

FROM KARIN POPESCU IN BUCHAREST

ROMANIAN prisoners are hammering nails into their skulls to avoid hard labour and get into hospital, prison officers said yesterday. "It is a recent fashion, the first case came to me in March," Dr Florin Vesa, head of the Galati county hospital in east Romania, said.

"Today I operated on my 17th case." Dr Vesa said. "He is 23 years old and it was difficult to take the nail out. It was rusty and completely embedded. They only choose the rusty ones and they put excrement on them. This craze started in Jilava prison in Bucharest. There are many cases in the jails, but no complete figures."

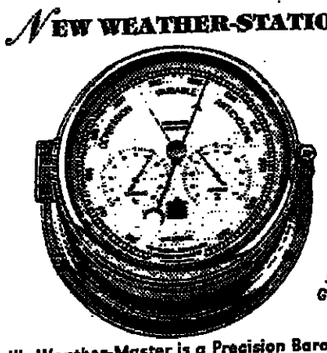
A Galati newspaper said 13 men in the local jail had nails sticking out of their heads. Prisoners say they bang in the nails by hitting their head on the walls, but the guards say they use metal tea cups.

"From time to time, a prisoner hammers nails in his head," said Colonel Dan Sterian of the Justice Ministry's Prisons Department. "Nobody forces him to do it. It is probably a kind of protest — either he is angry with society or with his sentence." Sometimes the offenders' sentence is lengthened as punishment.

Dr Vesa said the shorter nails, going only one inch deep, were extracted without surgery, while "those going into the brain need surgery". He went on: "It is a kind of protest. It is a childish way to act. All of them are young. The average age is under 25. When one of them decides to do it, all the others from the cell block go to the prison hospital and say they can't sleep and each gets half a sleeping pill. The prisoners give their pills to the one who is going to to hammer nails in his head ... so he is under total anaesthesia when he starts introducing the nail."

Romania's prison network holds about 45,000 convicts, and due to meagre financial resources most jails are badly overcrowded or suffer from insanitary conditions. *(Reuter)*

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Storms threaten deceptive calm of South Africa

Since the government of national unity took over, real politics has vanished. All the country has is plans, speeches and timetables that slip behind. Growing dangers lie ahead, writes ***R.W. Johnson***

THE eruption of widespread labour unrest — with some strikers chanting anti-Semitic slogans — has been greeted by the South African media as the end of the honeymoon for the government of national unity.

The warning by F.W. de Klerk, the former President, that his National Party's support was not unconditional, and that he has serious differences with the African National Congress, has been similarly interpreted.

The media have become fed up with the honeymoon, for all real politics seems to have vanished. President Mandela's open and generous attitude has not only put him beyond criticism — even the extreme white Right has no bad word for him — but has virtually removed him from politics. Similarly, the government's Reconstruction and Development Plan has been accepted as holy writ by every section of opinion, with only one or two opposition politicians nervously complaining that criticism is viewed as unpatriotic. For the public, the mood is one of calm, détente and optimism.

At a lower level, however, a great deal seems to be going wrong. Cabinet government is not working as ministers repeatedly make unilateral announcements, not cleared with their colleagues, producing much confusion. Thus Joe Slovo, the Minister of Housing, has had a fight with the leader of the biggest region, Tokyo Sexwale, who has announced his own housing programme, independent of Mr Slovo.

Mr Slovo is embroiled in another fight, this time with his fellow Communist, Joe Modise, the Defence Minister, who in similarly unilateral fashion announced that he was planning to buy new corvettes for the navy. Mr Slovo has denounced this idea publicly and suggested that the money could be better spent by his ministry. Dullah Omar, the Justice Minister, recently launched a bitter attack on American policy towards Cuba, then when the government was challenged on whether this was its policy Mr Omar denied that he had made the speech. Mr Omar has a greater problem over the speeches he has made about his Truth Commission to investigate atrocities committed by the apartheid regime. Mr de Klerk has pointed out that he has never brought his proposals to Cabinet and that they cannot be regarded as policy. Mr Omar has subsided in some embarrassment.



Mandela: above battle

For the moment, however, no minister has really done anything: all people have is speeches, plans and timetables that slip further and further behind. The promised White Paper on the plan itself is already badly late. Similarly, none of the regional governments has any power or any money, so here, too, politics is only about speeches, not action. In the long run, this drift will cause its own problems; it looks very much as if South Africa will start another school year in January with more than twice as much still being spent on every white pupil as on each black pupil.

There is no sign that the Education Ministry has got to grips with its gargantuan task, but inaction will produce an explosion of anger from the ANC parliamentary caucus, which is already showing signs of irritation.

Mr Mandela has had great difficulty in getting the ANC caucus to accept that power should be shared with other parties, or to understand that government involves more than just passing resolutions and calling for mass support. The hegemonic spirit of the Left runs strong and the situation is not made easier by the fact that Cyril Ramaphosa, the ANC Secretary-General, has clearly set out to woo the populist favours of the caucus.

This jockeying for power could soon find a much sharper focus in the shape of a currency crisis. The Reserve Bank has been intervening to support the rand, but it is no secret that the foreign exchange reserves are almost completely exhausted. Before long a large foreign loan will have to be negotiated and it is likely that the terms will cause unhappiness.

For the moment, however, the government has merely exhorted strikers and bosses to bury the hatchet, and the unreal period of gentle drift continues. Violence levels have not been so low for over a decade, the spirit of reconciliation is preached at every corner, and the country dreams Utopian dreams.



De Klerk: differences

PETER SIBALD



An Innu hunter eking out a bleak existence in Canada's northern wastes with rabbits he has caught in snares

Resettled Indians choose oblivion

BY LUCY BERRINGTON

THE Canadian government has been accused of "cultural genocide" over a resettlement policy for native Indians that has resulted in a suicide rate nine times higher than that of the European population.

"The message has been 'become like us or perish'," said George Rich, an Innu representative speaking for Survival International, an organisation campaigning for tribal people, in a statement to the United Nations Economic and Social Commission on Human Rights. "Most Innu have been unwilling and unable to be assimilated by Europeans. Many find death a more attractive choice."

In 1967 the Canadian government moved the Innu from their traditional hunting grounds in Labrador into permanent settlements, an attempt to force a transition from subsistence nomadism. Resettlement has been a disaster.

The nine new Innu villages are plagued by alcoholism, sexual abuse and suicide. Despite promises of modern housing, the inhabitants still live in poorly insulated shacks without running water and modern sewage.

The Innu plight went unremarked until Davis Inlet, a squalid hamlet on an island off the Labrador coast, made headlines in January 1993. Six children were filmed barricading themselves into an unheated shack in freezing temperatures, sniffing petrol and screaming that they wanted to die.

Subsequently, 60 children and teenagers were invited for drug rehabilitation in Quebec, and adult training programmes were provided. Further assistance, however, depends on their formal registration, which the Innu resist for fear of greater government control.



Prote Poker, aged 32 and a father of six, describes his upbringing in what any Western social worker would list as a classically dysfunctional family. As a child he witnessed family relationships ruined by violence and alcoholism. In 1977, aged 15, his father, mother and six siblings drowned during a boating accident while drunk. Prote turned to petrol sniffing and alcohol.

When the Innu lost their land, their self-esteem went with it, he says. He blames the Church for denigrating Innu worship. "The Church said the drum dances were evil and we worshipped the devil. People felt ashamed of themselves and their values, and became disturbed."

About 60 per cent of the Innu in the settlements are under 18, aggravating the conflict between young and old. Democratic elections have replaced succession by the elders, and structured schooling has generated inter-generational anxiety.

"Our kids don't even understand the way we speak," says John Poker, Prote's uncle. "They are already part of the white man's culture."

***Under the Sun: The Two Worlds of the Innu*, tomorrow at 8pm, BBC2**

Rabin to see King Husain in Jordan

Amman: Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Prime Minister, is to travel to Jordan on Monday for the first time to meet King Husain, Jawad Anani, the Information Minister, announced yesterday.

He said Mr Rabin would cross to the Red Sea resort of Aqaba after a ceremony to mark the opening of a new border crossing between the two countries, attended by Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State. Crown Prince Hassan was to represent the King at the opening of the crossing between Aqaba and Eilat. *(AFP)*

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Arms cut off

Dubai: Saudi Arabian authorities in Jeddah have amputated the right arms of five Sudanese thieves. The five, whose arms were amputated at the elbow, were accused of stealing jewellery and electrical goods. *(Reuter)*

Sect outlawed

Kuala Lumpur: Malaysia has outlawed Al Arqam, a radical Islamic Sufi sect that has grown rich and powerful while arousing security concerns. The sect will be unable to run its businesses or its schools. *(Reuter)*

City honour

New York: The city council has voted to rename the Central Park Reservoir the Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis Reservoir in honour of the former First Lady, who died in May and used often to walk or jog around it.

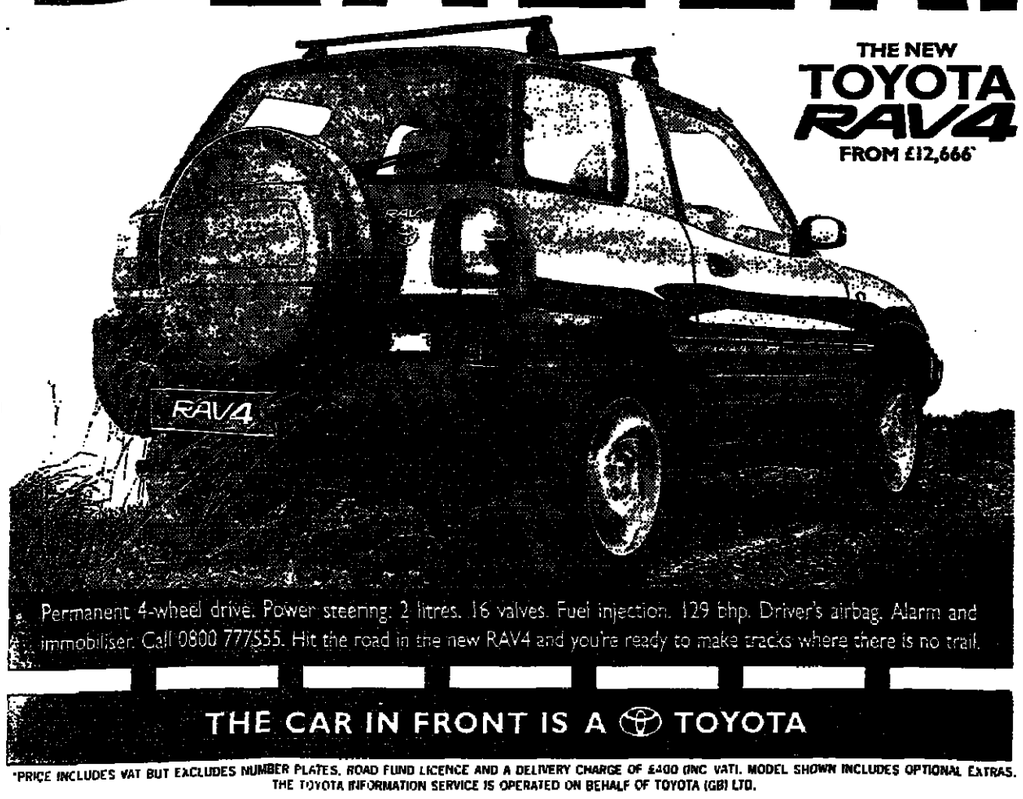
Kurd defiance

Ankara: Six Kurdish MPs facing treason charges for alleged links to Kurdish separatist guerrillas told a court that the case was politically motivated and was brought to cover up the failure of the government's Kurdish policy. *(Reuter)*

Talks resume

New York: North Korea has restarted talks with the US on its nuclear programme with a warning that it would not accept any discussion of the key issue of "special inspections".

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France burnishes its grandeur as world gendarme

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

WHILE President Clinton has been agonising Hamlet-style over Haiti this week, the French Prime Minister has been inspecting his troops in Zaire, boasting of France's global mission, and his Defence Minister has dropped into Algeria to show that Paris will stand up to the Islamic-led insurrection in its former colony.

That contrast between the dithering superpower leader and the French readiness to leap into action highlights a remarkable phenomenon. A century since Britain forced it to curtail its ambitions in Africa and four decades since its colonial defeats, France is emerging as the Western nation most eager to flex its military muscle and don the *képi* of gendarme to the world.

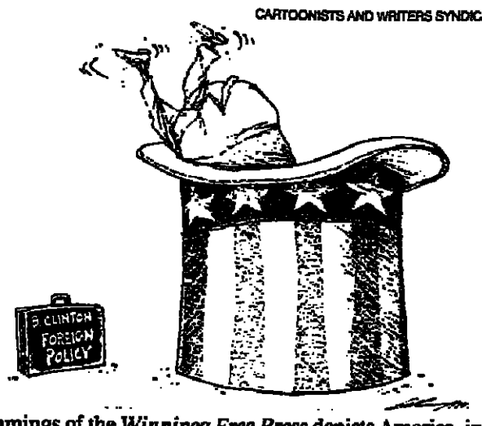
A glance at the world map will show French contingents busy around the world, whether under their own colours or in the blue helmets of the United Nations, where it provides more forces than any state after Pakistan. French forces are stationed in the overseas possessions of the Caribbean, the Indian Ocean and the Pacific, where French nuclear testing is expected soon to resume. They have recently been with the UN in Cambodia, helping France wage a rearguard action to regain influence in its former colony of Indochina.

In former Yugoslavia, France dominates the UN effort with more than 6,000 troops and in Africa, French garrisons span the west and centre of the continent, numbering 11,000, including those running Operation Turquoise in Rwanda and Zaire. Some 50,000 more stand by in southern France for intervention across the Mediterranean. When British residents had to be evacuated from Aden two months ago they were picked up not by the RAF or Royal Navy but French forces based in Djibouti.

Unlike Britain, cash-strapped and weary of overseas engagement, or the United States, burnt by Somalia and absorbed by its own affairs, Paris has made the most of the vacuum left by the Cold War to bolster its long-standing domain in Africa and embark on a drive to project its influence worldwide by posing as a guarantor of peace.

French leaders are refreshingly unhindered by the defensiveness of their allies. "France has a calling to be a great world power," said Edouard Balladur, the Prime Minister, when asked to justify France's solitary adventure in Rwanda. It is all part of what M Balladur calls *l'exemple français*. This is the modern version of the creed proclaimed by the late Charles de Gaulle, according to which "there is a pact between the grandeur of France and the freedom of the world".

The theory that France has a duty to act as the conscience of the world was developed by President Mitterrand's Socialist administration and has been enthusiastically pursued by M Balladur's Gaullist team. Domestic politics play a big part in the eagerness for overseas action. With recession and gloom at home, heightened by a sense of siege under "Anglo-Saxon hegemony", much mileage comes from burnishing France's grandeur abroad. France is the only big Western country to raise its military spending this year.



CARTOONISTS AND WRITERS SYNDICATE

Cummings of the *Winnipeg Free Press* depicts America, in sharp contrast to France, hiding from foreign policy issues

For all its lofty aims, the new credo does not get in the way of France's traditionally pragmatic, many say cynical, approach to promoting its interests, especially in Africa where it remains in control of the destinies of most of its former colonies. In the interest of the francophone family, France has used a combination of aid, military action, flattery and largesse towards leaders to prop up a string of unsavoury regimes.

Since 1962, when French troops helped President Senghor of Senegal maintain order, France has engaged in a dozen big interventions, including forays into Gabon, Chad, Zaire, the Central African Republic, Togo and the Comoros. While other Western nations flinch from engagement on the continent, French intellectuals talk as if France was still destined to bear the white man's burden.

"Nearly 200 million Africans live in France's orbit. It is up to the French to remain worthy of their trust," *Le Figaro* said this week.

While they emphasise their humanitarian goals, French leaders make no bones about the *Realpolitik* behind their calculations. After the attack that killed five French state personnel in Algiers this week, the government intensified its support for the military-led government against the fundamentalist insurgents and rejected as dangerous nonsense the approach, favoured by Britain and the United States, of encouraging dialogue between the state and "moderate" Muslims.

"Everyone knows the present regime is not a model of democracy," said Charles Pasqua, the Interior Minister. "But we know for certain that the idea of a moderate Islamic regime is pure bunkum."

☐ **Bombing claim:** The Algerian Armed Islamic Group, a militant fundamentalist organisation, yesterday claimed responsibility for the shooting of five French security officials in Algiers (Michael Binyon writes). In a message to the London-based Arabic language newspaper *al-Hayat*, the group said it had carried out the attack. The message repeated its warning to foreigners in Algeria, saying it had targeted all Christians and Jews.

France yesterday placed 16 suspected Algerian fundamentalists under house arrest in a remote, disused barracks after a dawn raid ordered by M Pasqua. Britain and Germany have dismissed French accusations that they are harbouring Muslim extremists.

United Nations may seek border monitors to test Serb president's sincerity

Belgrade turns back traffic on Bosnia frontier

FROM JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO AND JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

YUGOSLAV border police along Serbia's border with Bosnia turned back hundreds of lorries yesterday as the Belgrade government began implementing a tough new embargo against its former Bosnian Serb protégés.

The frontier move came as the United Nations considered whether to station monitors on the Bosnian border to test the commitment of President Milosevic of Serbia to cut off the Bosnian Serbs for rejecting the latest peace plan.

The rump Yugoslav government castigated the Bosnian Serb leadership on Thursday, likening them to "war criminals" with "mad political ambitions", for reiterating their rejection of the plan. In the government's communiqué, it promised to cut the Bosnian Serbs off from all support and block all border traffic except for those carrying food, medicine and clothing.

"Our fighters died clutching Milosevic's picture and now he has betrayed us," a Bosnian Serb driver trapped on the Yugoslav side of the border said yesterday, hours after Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Rose, commander of UN forces in Bosnia, vowed to use force against the Bosnian Serbs.

In Belgrade, the state-run Yugoslav telephone company reported that it had cut off all lines to Serb-held Bosnia. If true, the Bosnian Serbs no longer have telephone communications with the outside world. Vitali Churkin, a Russian Deputy Foreign Minister, lent legitimacy to the apparent break made by Belgrade, praising Mr Milosevic's tough action.

Mr Churkin, speaking in Moscow, said Mr Milosevic, who is suspected by many people of being most responsible for the war in Bosnia, could hold the keys to peace. "Milosevic is the most legitimate Serbian leader. His position is an important factor and Russia hopes it will be recognised by other Serbian politicians, including the Bosnian Serbs." Mr Churkin told the Interfax news agency. He indicated that Mr Milosevic's apparent change of policy might result in the lifting of sanctions against Belgrade.

Just a week ago, the five-nation Contact Group, made up of the United States, Russia, Germany, France and Britain, agreed to seek new, more rigorous sanctions against Belgrade because of the Bosnian Serbs' rejection of the peace plan. The United States is likely to oppose any formal lifting of sanctions in the near future.

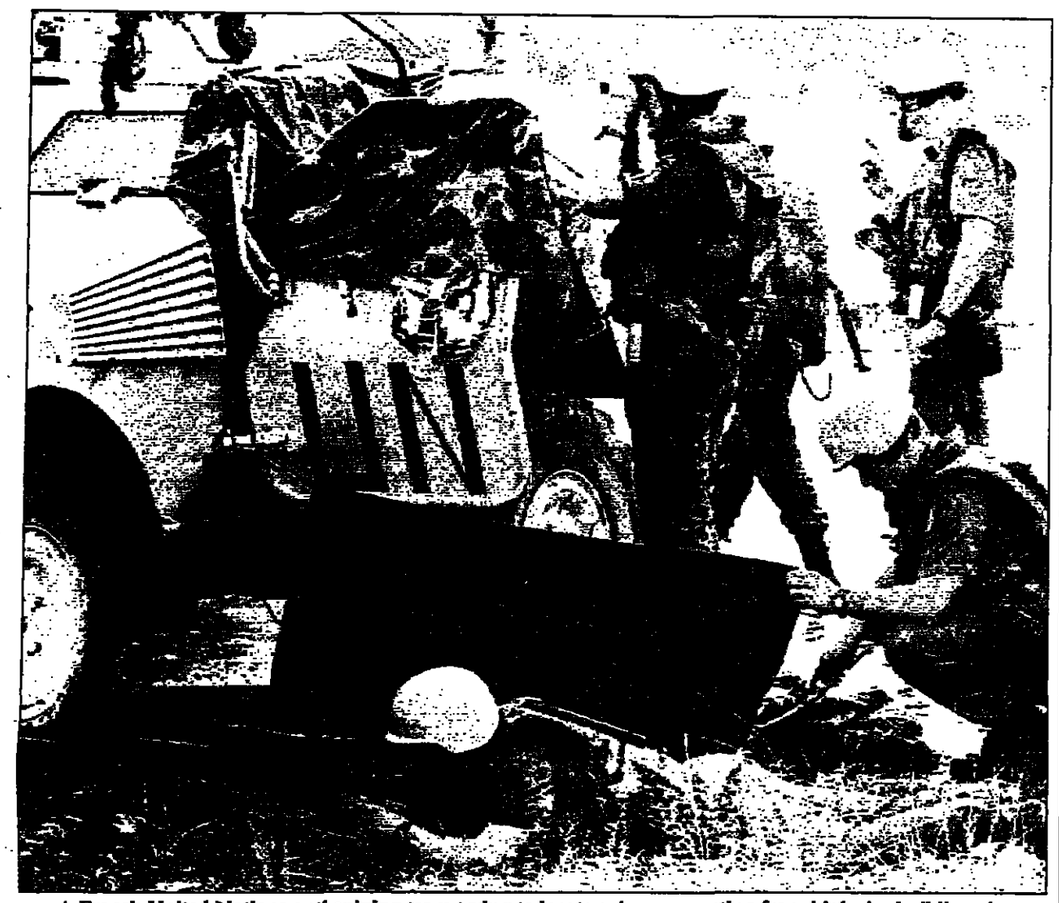
Although customs posts were filled with angry words from Serb drivers from Bosnia and Serbia yesterday, there is no way of confirming that the entire border was sealed. Many Western diplomats are sceptical of Mr Milosevic's sincerity. They say the appearance of cementing the borders may be little more than a ruse to deflect pressure. "He came to power by warmongering. War is his strength," said a Sarajevo-based Western diplomat, who considers Mr Milosevic's move to be a pre-emtive strike against the threat of tougher sanctions. "The danger is taking him at his word."

Indeed, diplomats expect the question of placing UN monitors on the frontier between Bosnia and the Serb-led rump of Yugoslavia to come to the fore as the world tries to assess Mr Milosevic's sincerity. The UN already has a detailed plan for monitoring the Bosnia-Yugoslavia border, drawn up in June of last year when Mr Milosevic last threatened to stop supplying the Bosnian Serbs. That plan was drafted at the request of the Security Council as part of the "Joint Action Programme" agreed by Britain, France, Russia, Spain and the United States after the Bosnian Serbs' rejection of the so-called Vance-Owen plan.

The programme called for 410 observers, with 372 support staff, to patrol the 48 main border-crossings, provided they had the co-operation of the Belgrade government. In the end, however, President Milosevic did not agree to allow UN monitors on to the border. The plan was shelved.

☐ **Belgrade:** A criminal running from police killed Isabelle Achoux, a French aid worker, and a local man in Nis, Serbia, Yugoslav state television reported. The killer later committed suicide.

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A French United Nations anti-sniping team trying to locate snipers operating from high-rise buildings in Sarajevo yesterday. Attacks from Serb positions in the past week have caused over 20 civilian casualties



Rose: pledged to use force

Beaten Hutu troops lose weapons and taste for war

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN GOMA

THE baby-faced Rwandan soldier dressed in a scruffy camouflage uniform slumped into a crouching position by the road and sighed heavily. "We are tired, sick and hungry and the Zaireans have taken our weapons," he said, staring vacantly into the distance. "It will be some time before we can go back and fight."

John Sibomana, 22, is one of an estimated 25,000 soldiers from the former Rwandan army in Goma and his defeatist mood is echoed by comrades in and around the city. There has been widespread concern about fresh fighting in Rwanda, but the belligerent talk of army leaders and former ministers is belied by evidence in the field.

Troops of the former government are demoralised. Defeated by the Tutsi-dominated Rwandan Patriotic Front, a force numerically and technically inferior, they languish in disease-racked, makeshift camps, struggling to feed themselves and their families. The vast majority, it seems, have been disarmed by Zairean troops. Many turn to drink for solace.

Mr Sibomana said the troops have hidden weapons, but he conceded that they lack the firepower to launch a serious counter-offensive. Soldiers had reconciled themselves to months, possibly years, in exile until they were fully prepared.

Major-General Romeo Dallaire, the UN commander in Rwanda, believes that the former government army would need to find a donor to sponsor rearmament if they were to take on the Rwandan Patriotic Front again. But he did not rule out the possibility of minor incursions into Rwanda, particularly in the northwest.

However, the notorious and well-organised *interahamwe*, who were behind most of the mass killings in Rwanda, appear to be growing increasingly active and are thought to be responsible for recent killings in refugee camps. *Interahamwe* members from refugee camps in Tanzania have already started making forays into Rwanda to kill Tutsis. The fear is that such attacks could provoke the RPF to retaliate.

"The militias are definitely more of a threat than the government soldiers," a UN official said.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees has meanwhile asked that the Zairean government cease to assign its troops to refugee camps around Goma after a soldier was hacked to death in Kitale camp on Thursday. There have been numerous incidents in recent days of harassment and attacks on refugees by Zairean troops, and this may have been a revenge killing. It is now feared that Zaireans may carry out retaliatory attacks against refugees.

A Unicef spokesman said he was near Kitale camp at lunchtime on Thursday when he came across a group of terrified refugees fleeing down the road. They said a soldier was shooting a Rwandan refugee for his motorcycle. When the Unicef spokesman investigated, he found the man dead with several bullet wounds.

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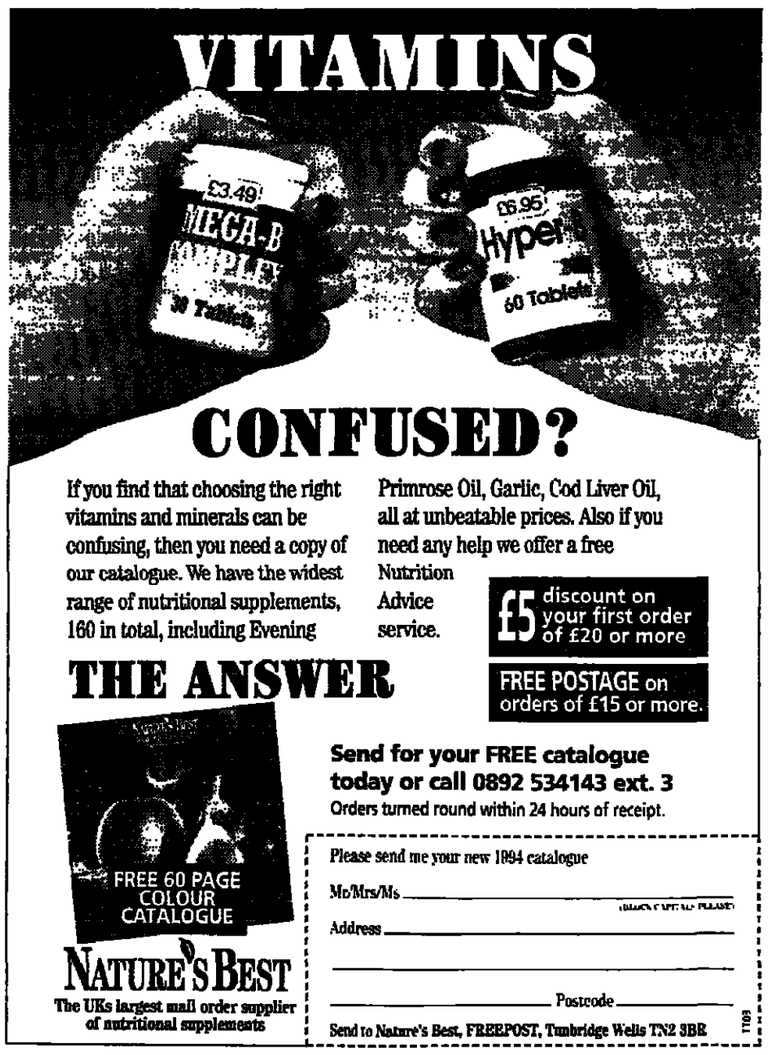
Mark Slater, left, with Jean-Michel Braquet in a photograph released by Phnom Penh yesterday

Monsoon hampers bid to free hostages

Phnom Penh: Monsoon rains are hampering efforts to secure the release of three foreign hostages, including a Briton, being held by the outlawed Khmer Rouge, Ieng Mouly, the Cambodian Information Minister, said yesterday. He added that it might be Monday before there was any further news.

The three hostages are Mark Slater, 28, from Corby in Northamptonshire, Jean-Michel Braquet, 28, from Nice in France, and David Wilson, 29, an Australian from Melbourne.

Ieng Mouly confirmed the release of three Cambodian hostages, leaving 11 Cambodians still in the hands of Khmer Rouge insurgents in a camp at Vine Mountain, about 90 miles south of Phnom Penh. *(Reuter)*



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Who will remember Whitewater?

Martin Fletcher on all the President's forgetful men

The makers of such blockbusters as the Watergate and Iran-Contra Hearings produced their sequel this week, the Whitewater Hearings. But oh what a flop it has been.

They used the same formula that had worked so well before — the packed committee rooms, hot television lights, banks of photographers and witnesses sweating before their inquisitors. There was a serious underlying purpose, but where were the riveting performers — the John Deans and Oliver Norths? Where was the gripping storyline?

The scriptwriter should be shot. Millions of viewers were exposed to interminable hours of puffed-up senators talking mumbo-jumbo, making long-winded statements and interrupting witnesses. "We could save a lot of time here if we just excused the witnesses and let senators make their speeches," one exasperated Democrat declared in the small hours of Wednesday morning.

There have been odd moments of comic relief such as the "Chorus Line" of ten top White House officials lined up like errant schoolboys and protesting "no" in unison when they were asked if they had sinned.

The only real human interest was provided by Roger Altman, the deputy Treasury Secretary, who was grilled from 4pm on Tuesday till 2am on Wednesday, then again from 9.30am till 3.30pm. He stuck on his table a photograph of his three children and a card stating "Slow and Calm". His wife brought in fruit and biscuits to sustain him.

"Today is my son's ninth birthday," he lamented just before midnight. "I'm a little sorry to say that I didn't talk to him today. It's not likely that he's still watching, but if he sees the tape or something I want him to know I love him."

To date there have been no sensational revelations, no smoking guns. But one is still forced to conclude that all this vast expenditure of time and effort has been warranted.

It was clear from the outset that Administration officials had misled Congress, and for all their posturing the senators were right to try to find out who. The issues involved were hardly earth-shattering, but at stake was the principle of executive accountability to the legislative branch of government upon which American democracy is built. It is a principle that in Britain is too often disregarded.

The senators probed three areas of blatantly contradictory testimony. In February Mr Altman had told them he knew of only one "substantive" meeting between Treasury and White House officials about a supposedly-independent investigation by a Treasury-controlled agency of an Arkansas bank whose funds may have been improperly channelled to Governor Clinton in the 1980s.

There had, in fact, been more than 40 contacts, and Joshua Steiner, the Treasury chief of staff, recorded in his diary that Mr Altman had "gracefully ducked" the senators' questions in February by using the qualifier "substantive". Mr Steiner's diary further suggested that at one "substantive" meeting the White House put "intense pressure" on Mr Altman not to excuse himself from all Whitewater matters because it wanted him to continue monitoring the investigation. Not true, retorted Mr Altman and a string of White House witnesses.

Finally Jean Hanson, the Treasury counsel, said Mr Altman had specifically "tasked" her to brief the White House on the investigation as long ago as last September, and that she had informed Lloyd Bentsen, the Treasury Secretary, of that meeting. Not so, said Mr Bentsen and Mr Altman.

Two dozen Administration officials were suddenly afflicted by collective amnesia as they sought to explain these discrepancies. "I can't recall," was the week's buzz phrase, along with such surefire prophylactics against perjury as "To the best of my knowledge..." or "As far as I recollect..."

> Officials said 'no' in unison when asked if they had sinned

Mr Steiner claimed he had lied to his own diary. Harold Ickes, deputy White House chief of staff, claimed to have misheard a key exchange because he was "completely deaf" in one ear. Senators dubbed Mr Altman "Roger the Dodger" while Ms Hanson, presented with a memorandum, contradicting her own testimony, admitted it bore her signature but added: "I have no independent recollection of writing it."

Equally unsavoury were the witnesses' attempts to save their own skins. The White House sought to focus attention on the Treasury. Mr Bentsen, looking pained at this challenge to his integrity, insisted he knew nothing of the Treasury-White House contacts and was given an easy ride as a member of the Senate old boys' club. Mr Steiner escaped serious censure because he is a cherubic 28-year-old who reminded the senators of their children.

Only Mr Altman and Ms Hanson were left, seeking none-too-subtly to incriminate each other, with most senators gunning for Mr Altman as the bigger name. The White House seemed content that Mr Altman should be the "Friend of Bill thrown off the back of the sleigh to allay the pursuing wolves", as the *Wall Street Journal* put it. Sooner or later he will go.

In his inaugural address Mr Clinton condemned Washington as a "place of intrigue and calculation" obsessed not by the public interest but by "who is up and who is down". He promised better, but if nothing else, this week has shown his Administration to be just as soiled as its predecessors.

The lasting impression is of a White House transfixed by Whitewater, desperate to monitor if not blunt an investigation that threatened to embarrass the President, and then doing its utmost to cover up those efforts.

Are MPs the masters of communication or merely the windbags of Westminster, asks **John Biffen**

If only words would fail them

"Deeds not words" was the tart observation of the critic. "For a politician words are his deeds," was the rejoinder of Enoch Powell. The sage of high Toryism had more than a point. The crucial political process of communication and conviction rests upon the ability to use language. Even while Parliament is in recess the matter remains topical. The Portillo-Heseltine letters will surprise no one who has engaged in the annual discussions on public spending. The Treasury knows that expenditure control is like the world of the nursery. Asking in no way means receiving.

The language of the Portillo letter was more unusual than its contents. The missive was abrupt and was certainly the work of Portillo himself or an official who had learnt his master's voice. It was aggressive and confident, but I doubt if it was well-judged for the process of securing a consensus on public spending which is at the heart of government. In its way it has confirmed Portillo's role as the outspoken man of the Right.

I do not find the views surprising or shocking, but I am intrigued by a pseudo-populism in their expression. Michael Portillo is a sophisticated politician and I wonder if he is affecting a language to assure his right-wing followers that he is as much at home in the tap-room as in the college close. He should not persist. He will never match Denis Healey as an intellect or bruiser.

The characteristic of matching views with somewhat quizzical language is not the monopoly of the Tory Right. I listen with fascination to David Hunt who now sits in the Cabinet as chief troubleshooter for the Prime Minister. He is a man of amiability and talent, the soul of moderation and one-time outspoken supporter of the European Union and the Christian Democrats.

The social chapter has cast a shadow across his previous loyalties, particularly as he has recently been Employment Secretary. In that role he had to commend the Government's scepticism on this topic. His technique has been breathtaking. At last year's Tory conference and later in the Commons he has denounced the social chapter with the fervour of an apostate. It was done with seeming conviction and a great deal of noise. My Euro-scepticism has been much encouraged.

I regard both Portillo and Hunt with charity and hope they will sustain a Conservative government for many years to come. I do, nevertheless, wish they could adopt a political language that would more properly reveal themselves.

Once politicians are released from the Westminster treadmill of June and July it is only a matter of weeks before some independence of thought re-emerges. In that sense I am now having some unease about the conduct of current politicians. I think of a bygone age in the same way as I have nostalgia for happier days when English cricket and Welsh rugby flourished. I am certain today's senior politicians are not using words as their deeds with the same effect as their forebears a generation ago.

I entered the House of Commons in 1961 and my apprenticeship included the debates on the economy, Commonwealth immigration, the European Economic Community (as it was then called) and the Profumo Affair. Roy Jenkins (from the back benches), Michael Foot, Iain Macleod and Enoch Powell dominated the proceedings, but the speech etched on my memory was that of Nigel Birch in the Profumo debate. It was undiluted acid. The men were all masters of words.

In today's Commons Heseltine and Robin Cook, well matched, will compare with the wordsmiths of yesteryear. There are a handful of others including Gordon Brown and Malcolm Rifkind who shine, but it is a thin list.

It is not easy to understand why a politician's mastery of words has fallen out of fashion. It is customary to blame many of our social changes upon television and I confirm that I can think of no better peg. It is far more advantageous for a minister or an MP to score a knockout in the *Today* programme or *Newsnight* than it is to triumph in the Commons.

The media dominance is seen at its least attractive in Prime Minister's question time. As I sit in the Chamber twice weekly and listen to the well-rehearsed jokes and one-liners and the cacophonous background of partisan jeering, I wonder what is being served for either Parliament or the public. Come the new session in November, I hope there will be a collective resolution to make words the deeds of MPs.

Meanwhile a new player takes the political stage. If Tony Blair is determined to be cautious with his commitment to policy he will have to compensate with skills in presentation. Who knows? The art of words may be due for a renaissance, which is, one hopes, the prospect for English cricket too.

Britain should show its Spurs

The Rolls-Royce is the symbol of British excellence which is why every ambassador should have one

Simon Jenkins

There is nowhere like the Foreign Office for a clear sense of priorities. Last week found it wrestling with a decision that would have taxed a Pitt or a Palmerston. How many ambassadors should drive a Rolls-Royce? Should the magic number be 11, or nine, or five?

The Rolls-Royce is to the Foreign Office what the Trident submarine is to the Royal Navy. This is no perk or executive toy: a Silver Spur III is £120,000 ex-showroom. It is the ultimate weapon, the final assertion of professional potency.

Nor is this monarch of the road locked away in Faslane awaiting the return of the Red Menace. It is for daily use, impressing or terrifying natives in lands where coloured beads and Gatling guns no longer cut ice. So which number most exactly matches British interests? Five, nine or 11? Get the answer wrong and alliances may topple and dark armies sweep west through the night.

This is no time for dithering. I am with the hawks. Britain needs not 11 of these cars but 50. They should sweep the world, gliding alike into Rangoon and Santiago, Tbilisi and Phnom Penh. They should give no quarter to the enemy.

Many years ago I was driven round a Third World capital in an ambassadorial Silver Cloud. The vehicle and its driver were spotless. The Union Jack fluttered on the elegantly curved wing. Pomp, status and quality oozed from every nut and gasket. The Rolls was not just the best car on the road. It was the best and it was British.

Wherever we went the car drew crowds. Onlookers touched it reverentially. They gazed in wonder at H.J. Mulliner's coachwork. They listened to the famous Crewe purr. Every face bore the same message: the British may be imperial has-beens, but they make the damnedest cars. A Mercedes was for African dictators, a BMW for Balkan mafiosi. A Cadillac was mere swank. Nothing else rated. Who had ever heard of a Rover or a Jag?

As the day wore on, the truth dawned on me. This vehicle was serious diplomacy. The Rolls-Royce was not a mere conveyance for the ambassador. The Rolls-Royce *was* the ambassador. The mass of people in that city never met a diplomat, never entered an embassy, and neither knew nor cared about British foreign policy. But they saw the Rolls.

The Rolls was Britain on parade. The Treasury could have sacked the chancery, even withdrawn the ambassador. It need leave only the Rolls, cruising the boulevards, arriving at the right addresses, gracing every entrance and exit, a diplomatic *Mary Celeste*. Britain built me, it said, and built me well. Remember that and forget the rest.

I have sympathy with the Foreign Office in its current predicament. John Major's Age of Quantification leaves no scope for the economics of overseas representation. There is no cost-benefit analysis that can assess a round of canapés or a night at *Tosca* for the attaché's wife.

British taxpayers employ 8,000 diplomatic staff to guard their interests overseas. By next year the figure will be cut by 200. Nobody can possibly measure the resulting gain or loss. We might as well ask how many ambassadors can fit on the head of a pin.

All who travel to the more arcane corners of British diplomacy return stunned. I once spent two months visiting embassy staff around the world. It was like an exercise in upmarket prison visiting. There was much rolling up of shirtsleeves and frantic activity, but outside Washington and Brussels I could rarely see to what deep purpose.

Almost all diplomats are hugely overqualified for the work they do. They and their families must obey footling public school rules. They write reports that few ever read and discuss trivial matters such as how to occupy a visiting MP. The diplomat Sir Nicholas Henderson once likened this to interminably heeling a ball from the scrum straight into touch. For this, diplomats must send their children to boarding schools and wreck their wives' careers. From my observation, at least half the routine work of an embassy could be done by local staff or officials commuting from London.

"Post-modern" diplomacy is not about military or economic power. Foreign policy is conducted either on the phone or at those Fields of Cloth of Gold, the G7 and Euro-summits, wildly extravagant events in almost continuous session.

I am told that thousands of man-hours of Euro-diplomacy preceded Mr Major's qualified majority voting fiasco last spring, yet none preceded his Dehaene veto triumph. We appear to have reached Sir Harold Nicolson's fatal moment, when statesmen meet each other, become friends and "lose the habit of precision" in international relations — rendering the traditional diplomat superfluous.

The new diplomat abroad is a different beast altogether. He is the fixer, the lobbyist, the banker, the journalist, the academic, even the tour operator and the sportsman. He deals as much in appearance as in reality. Trade and favour go with the image. Your paper calls me corrupt, I cancel your contract. You wage genocide on CNN, I bomb your village. You send the Queen, I buy your rubber factory.

The embassy is tangential to this activity, but not necessarily irrelevant. If there is one thing British embassies do well it is to show off. In a dull world, the British palaces in Washington, Paris and Moscow and the luxury villas in Rome, Delhi and Cape Town are monuments to British style and hospitality. Selling a nation remains an affair of bluff and illusion, of punching above one's weight, as Douglas Hurd constantly puts it. There are people who can be taken in by an impressive entrance, a well-ordered dinner, a careful choice of guests. Such things imply competence. They hint at influence.

Diplomats understand such excellence. Nothing infuriates British train enthusiasts more than to have the TGV cited as evidence of French rail superiority. Britain actually has more miles of high-speed train running than France, at lower cost and higher reliability. But France has the TGV and everybody knows it. The TGV is perceived quality. It is a publicisable symbol of French engineering. It is a triumph of industrial diplomacy.

Britain at least has the Rolls-Royce. The Jaguar may be American-owned. The Rover may be German-owned. But the Rolls qualifies as all-British. The most recent round of cuts brought the Foreign Office down from 11 Rolls-Royces to five, restricted to Washington, Paris, Tokyo, Moscow and Bonn. Other embassies would have to make do with Jaguars and Rovers. Pressure from Rolls-Royce has reputedly brought Peking, Riyadh, Brasilia and New York into the gilded circle, partly for reasons of potential markets. (Why New York defeats me: it is the one city where Rolls-Royces are identified not with British excellence but with pop stars and theatrical agents.) But if Riyadh, why not Cairo or Dubai, Singapore or Kuala Lumpur?

A Rolls-Royce may not be a quantifiable asset. But I sense that it serves British interests abroad better than a hundred cocktail parties or pen-pushing second secretaries. This car is not just something Britain does well. The world regards it as something Britain does best, a point of excellence. This cannot be audited, only intuited. It cannot be proved, only asserted.

So 50 Silver Spurs, please. And since Rolls-Royce are leading the whinge, we'll take a 50 per cent discount on the lot.



Our mascot in Russia: a Rolls-Royce parked outside the British Embassy in Moscow

In bad taste?

AFTER my sorry tale yesterday of sausage-maker Bill O'Hagan's banishment from this week's Great British Beer Festival after drinking too much at last year's event, I hear that similarly stern measures have been imposed elsewhere.

Michael Winner, the film director turned food critic, has been banned by Antony Worrall Thompson, one of the country's leading chefs, from entering his restaurants. Posters bearing Winner's photograph and the words "Not Wanted" are to be pinned up in all of Worrall Thompson's 30 establishments, which include such popular London eateries as 190, dell' Ugo and Zoë.

Winner's exile follows his devastating review of Kartouche, a new restaurant in Chelsea run by Torquil McCloud, who used to work for Marco Pierre White at the nearby Canteen.

Winner wrote in *The Sunday Times*: "There was no style or plan to the food, no concept, no good ideas, no fine ingredients, no good cooking. Nor was it that cheap, prices being near or occasionally above the Canteen, which I now use as a yardstick for everything."

Worrall Thompson suggests that Winner is in White's pocket. "I want everyone else to join the ban so that the only restaurants left for him to review belong to Marco Pierre White." Winner is bemused. "I understand he takes the view that I was badly influenced by Marco Pierre White," he says, "which is, of course, absolute rubbish."

● *Soul-rending cries will echo through Chapel Allerton this Sunday if Michael Brown, Religious Correspondent for the* Yorkshire Post, *breaks into song. According to this week's* Catholic Herald, *Brown's favourite hymn is not "Tell out My Soul", but "Tear out My Soul". "Naturally we're embarrassed," says arts editor Lucy Lethbridge, standing in for the holidaying Cristina Odone. "Soul-tearing is not an ecclesiastical activity we want to promote".*

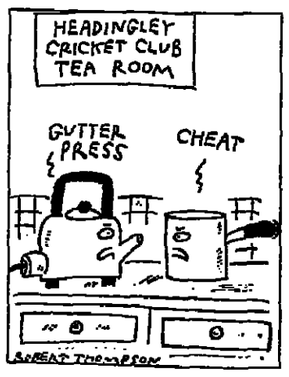
Heckled out

I HAVE worrying news for Sir Peter Maxwell Davies, whose Fifth Symphony receives its world premiere at the Albert Hall on Tuesday. "The Hecklers" are on their way. However, this self-styled band of musical terrorists, whose mission is to protest against the "sonic sewage" of the avant garde, are heading next door — to the Royal College of Music. There they plan a rather more civilised protest than the cacophony of boos and whistles with which they greeted Sir Harrison Birtwistle's *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight* at Covent Garden earlier this year.

The Hecklers have booed for the last time, says Keith Burstein, co-founder of the Hecklers Club and a composer himself. "Heckling was just a one-off — letting the genie out of the bottle. From now on, we intend to proceed through argument." As a result the group will hold what is being elaborately described as a Pre-Pre-Prom-Talk-Debate on "Will Modernism Survive the Twentieth Century?" This will be held an hour before Maxwell Davies's own Pre-Prom Talk.

The composer has politely declined an invitation to attend their earlier session. "The discussion of new musical language will be animated," promises Burstein. "But we won't be letting off steam during the concert."

● *An arresting sight yesterday in a basement restaurant in Covent Garden was Lady Buck with her publicity agent Max Clifford. Sporting a veritable flying saucer of a black hat festooned with bows, she was clearly dressed for the afternoon's task: taking delivery of her new red Ferrari.*

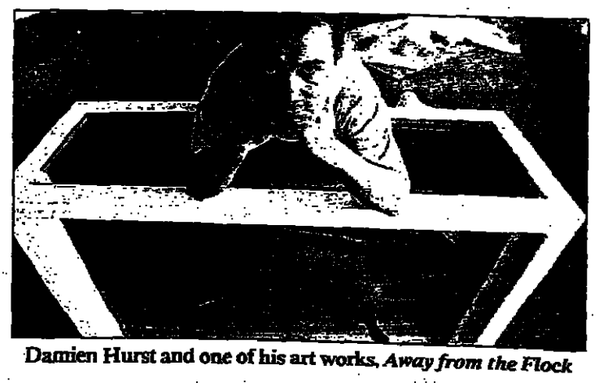


God of note

MANY an unhappy hour have I spent struggling to decipher my shorthand, but never have I contemplated resorting to prayer. Until now, that is, since news that Sir Isaac Pitman, inventor of the Pitman's phonetic shorthand system, has been officially recognised as a Hindu god.

An old photograph of Sir Isaac, complete with symbolic dot on his forehead, now appears among the portraits of gods and goddesses at the Stenographers' Guild in Madras, placed there apparently on behalf of the thousands of Indian clerks who feel they owe their jobs to Pitman's invention.

Peter Pitman is delighted by the news that flowers are offered up to his great-grandfather every Friday. But he feels the fact that Pitman was a vegetarian and a teetotaller may also have endeared him to the Hindu community. "He became a vegetarian only when his wife asked him to kill a chicken for lunch," says Pitman. "He cut its head off and it ran round the kitchen minus its head. He never ate meat again."



Damien Hurst and one of his art works, *Away from the Flock*

Skulduggery

DAMIEN Hirst may be away working in Berlin, but it's very much business as usual at his Camberwell studio in south London. Fourteen cows' skulls have recently been spotted soaking up the sun outside the studio.

Was this, I wondered, the beginning of a School of Hirst? Is there some disciple planning a multiple version of Hirst's famously fly-blown bovine head, followed presumably by an entire flock of pickled sheep? An assistant of Hirst, dealer Jay Jopling, is reluctant to elaborate. "They were skulls of cows," he says. "Damien's assistant was doing some experimentation. It was unfortunate that the neighbours saw them, but they were there for only a day. They're not for a show; that's all I can say."

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A NECESSARY ASSAULT

Belgrade unleashed the dogs of war: let it bring them to heel

For months now, the Bosnian Serbs have been inviting Nato airstrikes and the United Nations has been claiming that there was no "identifiable target" for retaliation. With yesterday morning's seizure of a tank and other heavy weaponry from a UN depot in a Sarajevo suburb, the Bosnian Serbs finally succeeded in getting the UN to see a target and hit it. Lieutenant-General Sir Michael Rose, the UN commander in Bosnia, had little choice. Only on Wednesday he had sworn to use force to prevent the Bosnian Serbs obtaining these weapons. The Bosnian Serb reply was not only to drive them calmly through the depot gates without a shot being fired by sleepy Ukrainian guards but to fire on a pursuing UN helicopter.

This limited action cannot be the only response. The Bosnian Serbs must again be given unmistakable incentives to respect the UN. Restraint on the UN's part since April has not persuaded them to accept peace. Instead of procuring reasonable behaviour, it has increased their defiance. The "strangulation" of Sarajevo, the crime that Nato committed itself last February to prevent, has begun again. It must cease. The Bosnian Serbs have shunted weapons in and out of the exclusion zones and used them dozens of times; they have killed and wounded UN peacekeepers.

Yesterday the UN confirmed that the Serbs had fired 82mm mortars into a Sarajevo neighbourhood on Wednesday, the first confirmed shelling of the city since the Nato ultimatum last February. It is not necessary to restrict targets to a particular stolen tank or to the mortar firing the salvo; the command posts from which the Bosnian Serb military receive their orders are proper targets too.

A firmer strategy is necessary, above all, because the Bosnian Serb leadership appears to be gambling that Nato strikes will harden sympathy for them in Serbia proper, and prompt the Serbian President, Slobodan Milosevic, to go back on his pledge to sever relations, seal the borders and cut off supplies of fuel, finance and military equipment. Mr Milosevic made a similar announcement in May last year, but did nothing to implement it. If Mr Milosevic means business this time, he should genuinely welcome a tougher Nato stance: the more pressure from all sides the better.

Mr Milosevic is a pragmatic political survivor who may genuinely have decided that the Bosnian game is no longer worth the rising cost to Serbia proper. The first signs are promising: the border police are stopping lorries, telephone links have been severed and the Milosevic propaganda machine has for the first time acknowledged the suffering of Sarajevo's civilians at Serb hands. But if this is just a feint, intended to put a public distance between Belgrade and the Bosnian Serb leadership in the hope of fending off tougher sanctions, he may well try to argue that Nato's "provocation" has made it politically impossible for him to desert fellow-Serbs.

Yesterday's airstrikes are thus a timely early test of his resolve. The UN, and Nato, should follow up on two other fronts. They should expand the "safe areas" in Bosnia itself. They should tell Belgrade that they intend to post monitors on the borders, that they expect full co-operation in policing the blockade from rump Yugoslavia's armed forces and its 80,000-strong police force, and that they will use air power against any traffic that breaches the embargo. Until the five-power Contact Group is convinced that the borders are sealed, its members should press ahead with tougher sanctions. Mr Milosevic should be clearly shown that sealing the borders will not suffice. The pressure on him can be eased when, and only when, the Bosnian Serbs sue for peace and withdraw from occupied territory. Mr Milosevic unleashed the dogs of war; it is up to him to bring them to heel.

POLL POSITIONS

Volatile voters bring freak figures and political fear

At the last general election, precedent suggested that it was impossible for either party to win. No governing party had ever come back from so far behind in the polls to gain another majority; nor had any Opposition ever won a swing on the scale that Labour needed to secure victory. One rule had to be broken. Luckily for the Conservatives, it turned out to be Labour's. Yesterday's Gallup poll for *The Daily Telegraph* showed Labour leading the Tories with higher support than the organisation has ever measured for any party in its 57-year history. Labour's lead over the Conservatives was, by a wide measure, a record too. That could mean one of two things: that the Tories are genuinely so unpopular that they have no hope of winning the next election; or that voters have become more fickle and their support now swings further away from the governing party in mid-term.

There are good reasons for voters being more volatile. Because the parties have come closer together in general philosophy, voters who switch have a shorter distance to travel. Hardly anyone could have moved, for example, from supporting a Tory government led by Margaret Thatcher to a Labour Opposition led by Michael Foot. Now, however, particularly after the election of Tony Blair to the Labour leadership, a switch is much less dramatic.

Equally important may be the decline in class-based voting. Baroness Thatcher managed to prise much of the skilled working class away from its traditional party, Labour. Through council house sales, share ownership, the rise in self-employment and the expansion in higher education, she increased the size of the middle class itself. Society became more fluid and it no longer made such sense to vote for a party simply because of one's origins.

This fluidity, however, is now working to Labour's advantage. Middle-class voters, who should be natural Conservatives, are flocking to the Opposition, often bypassing the Liberal Democrats on the way. The Tories have neglected the interests of this group while Labour suddenly seems far less threatening. In the Gallup poll, an astonishing 53 per cent of Tory voters say that they either would be delighted or would not mind a Labour government. At the party's helm is a public school-educated Oxford graduate and barrister. The traditional class differences between the party leaders have been reversed.

Both in 1945 and in the two elections of the 1960s, the swing voters who helped to secure victory for Labour came from the middle classes. In 1996 or 1997, they could do so again. On present constituency boundaries, the Tories need only a 1 per cent swing against them to lose overall control of Parliament. The Tories had hoped for a gain of some 20 seats from boundary changes but, thanks to some serious lobbying from Labour, that figure now looks likely to be a mere half dozen.

This week's Gallup figures can fairly be described by the Government as freakish. John Smith's death was followed by a barrage of praise for him and his party. Mr Blair is still on honeymoon and has earned remarkable, wide-ranging support. His poll lead will surely shrink. But the Tories still have more ground to make up than any governing party in polling history.

THE LOST POET

Inside every celebrity is a failure struggling to confess

Richard Burton turns out to have been a poet. The only known poem by the tormented 20th-century actor and superstar (not the tormented 19th-century traveller and translator of *The Arabian Nights*) is published today in the *Weekend* section of *The Times*.

Burton's "Portrait of a Man Drowning", which was discovered by his widow, shows a critical awareness of fame's price that is unusual in the famous. It is a meditation on a man sitting alone in a saloon bar looking back on life in self-pity: "Or does he live again the nightmare/ Of all the shame he suffered and made others to suffer,/ The torn promise, the shattered word,/ His red hand caught in the emotional till. . . ?" This was written at a time when Burton would have been staying at The Dorchester, and could not have gone into a pub without being mobbed for his autograph. The sentiments are maudlin but honest. They reveal an endearingly romantic belief that a Renaissance man of parts should be able to say it in verse, and that the way to tell the truth is in a poem rather than in the chat show or celebrity interview.

The conventional view of Richard Burton is of a poor Welsh boy who escaped from his background by his talents and was then destroyed by his abuse of them. Whether he was a genius, as his Oxford tutor declared, can be argued. But in his simplicity and sincerity he became a memorable classical actor, and then seemed to throw it away on the celebrity game, Hollywood, drinking, and romantic exploits behind the scenes. With it all, he was a self-improver, and yearned to be an academic. He was awarded an honorary fellowship at St Peter's College, Oxford, but the realities of a don's life made him abandon the experiment.

Maybe he will join the team of occasional poets who hit the bull's eye only once. Edward FitzGerald is remembered for little except Omar Khayyám, although he did spend his life rewriting it. Dr John McRae caught the Muse just once with "In Flanders fields the poppies blow/ Between the crosses, row on row/ That mark our place." Dean Burgon is remembered for just the single line, "A rose-red city 'half as old as time'", the second half of which was in any case borrowed from Samuel Rogers.

Richard Burton, the tipsy and self-aware celebrity in the saloon bar, did what he set out to do. He achieved fame and riches and experienced more passion than most men could cope with. He had a wonderful voice, for example in recording *Under Milk Wood*, and could be, in the right parts and the right moods, a great Shakespearean actor. With the help of Philip Burton, the devoted teacher whose name he took, and Nevill Coghill, his Oxford tutor, he escaped from a life of mediocrity: he also, it is now revealed, wrote verse. Cynics might say that he would have done better to stick to acting. But Burton's lost poem is a sure and sincere revision of tinsel values.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Famed battle scars that form the tissue of our land

From the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the English Civil War Society

Sir, The English Civil War Society supports strongly the principle of the English Heritage register of battlefields (your series this week). It may well be that similar protection is required for the location of some important sieges.

During the years that led up to the building of the roads that now cross part of the Naseby battlefield we made several representations to the Department of Transport over possible routes. These were ignored. We are disappointed that the department has still felt unable to provide, at the very least, an interpretation board for visitor information at the site.

The society has recently established a fund to provide for memorials, interpretation boards or commemorative plates at Civil War sites of interest. We would welcome ideas for places suitable for such commemoration.

Yours faithfully,
IAN MacDONALD WATSON,
Chairman, Board of Directors,
The English Civil War Society,
Thorntons House, Bowridge Hill,
Gillingham, Dorset.
August 3.

From Mr Philip Morgan

Sir, English Heritage's new battlefields register is too late to save the site of the battle of Naseby. Indeed, I regard the enterprise as yet further evidence of the misconceived antics of English Heritage, and others, who think that they can bring the past to life.

"Take away the corn and the cows", declares an article on Blore Heath, Leicestershire, in a 1992 issue of *English Heritage Magazine*, "and a piece of history almost 550 years old stretches out before you". What rot such counsel is! Do that on the site, for instance, of the battlefield trail which you cite for Bosworth (August 4) and the visitor will arrive at what modern scholars regard as the wrong place, some two miles away.

Likewise at Blore Heath (August 3), the local battlefield preservation society seems to have ignored most recent scholarship on the location of the site, motivated more by its loathing of quarrying and the A53 than by concern for the memory of the Wars of the Roses.

Does it matter? After all, the past can only be recovered by imagination, and a few sites do carry clear echoes of the often accidental events which forced armies to clash in particular places. But to *understand* those sites one needs the written record.

Whilst this or that field may be stoutly defended as an irreplaceable part of our heritage, or thousands spent on restoring standing buildings, the written record is likely to wait years for listing in Britain's hard-pressed archive services.

We are rapidly losing the skills necessary to achieve a proper dialogue with our past, content rather to enjoy the ersatz story-telling peddled at a growing number of spurious heritage sites.

Yours sincerely,
PHILIP MORGAN
(Lecturer, Department of History),
University of Keele,
Keele, Staffordshire ST5 5BG.
August 5.

From Mr Rodney Morant

Sir, There are surprising omissions from your interesting feature on battlefields. Lansdown Hill (1643) was a skirmish by comparison with Dyrham Ridge (577), only a couple of miles further north, where the Saxons broke the Romano-Celts for ever, swamping Bath and Cirencester and breaching through to the Severn and salt water. The site, with its vast views over Bristol, the estuary and the Welsh hills is inspiring and evocative.

Or how about Edington, 20 miles to the south, deep in the Westbury Downs? Here Alfred beat Guthrum in 878, ensuring Anglo-Saxon survival in the teeth of a threat which might have made this a much more Scandinavian, pagan country.

Or the more mysterious Mount Badon? Most folk place this at Badbury, SE of Swindon at M4 exit 15 (I favour the downland, 16 miles to the SW, a little north of Devizes and overlooking the Wansdyke) where Arthur beat the Saxons c.490, halting their push west until Dyrham, nearly 90 years later.

All three battles' outcomes signally went to form the eventual character of our country. Their sites are relatively unspoilt.

Yours truly,
RODNEY MORANT,
Redwood,
North Road, Bath, Avon.
August 1.

From Mr Iain Gardner

Sir, The title of your illuminating series, "Battlefields of Britain" is a misnomer. It should be "Battlefields of England plus a few in Scotland with which English readers should be familiar."

It is also surprising that your map excludes any battles fought by the greatest military tactician and the finest general ever to command an army or armies within "Britain". I refer to James Graham, Marquis of Montrose (1612-1650). Not one of the battles in his campaign from Tippermuir to Kilsyth in 1644-45 is included.

It appears that "we in Scotland" have a different understanding of the terms "British", "English" and "Scottish" from our English counterparts.

Yours faithfully,
IAIN GARDNER,
14 William Street, Edinburgh.
August 2.

From Commander D. R. E. Cooper

Sir, I feel that my ancestor, Sir Bevil Grenville, a Royalist who fell in 1643 at Lansdown Hill, where a monument now stands in his honour, would be slightly vexed to learn that he is now remembered as a Parliamentarian (August 1). He was, in fact, a *Royalist* member of Parliament, representing Cornwall from 1620-23 and Launceston in 1625 and in several subsequent parliaments.

Yours truly,
D. R. E. COOPER,
29 Grove Road,
Northwood, Middlesex.
August 1.

Less happier lands

From Mrs Peter Lockley

Sir, "Battlefields are the scar tissue of history . . . places where the future has been forged through bloodshed . . . They remind a nation proud of its evolutionary character that this stability was hard-won and never inevitable" (your leading article, August 1).

Would this character and stability, which still today makes us the envy of other nations and a haven for refugees, have been achieved if our disputes, many of them civil, had not been thus resolved?

If other countries had sent us "aid" and "peacemakers" and artificially contrived uneasy truces — pleasing no one, answering no questions, determining no lasting outcome — and if we, instead of seeing events through to their conclusion had abandoned our country and fled to an exiled refuge, would this now be the country that it is?

By patronising interference in the internal affairs of other countries are we depriving them of deciding their own destinies and eventually maturing into stable democracies of their own?

Yours faithfully,
OLGA E. LOCKLEY,
41 Deborah Avenue,
Fulwood, Preston, Lancashire.
August 2.

The cost of water

From Mr Mark Norton

Sir, Viewed in the light of the calamitous events in Rwanda, the price we pay in this country for water supply and sewerage services is perfectly reasonable (letters, July 19, 28). These services are key to maintaining public health, and the harsh reality is that we as a nation have ignored investment in past decades to update our densely populated island's ageing infrastructure.

We now have to catch up and clean up and leave the country in a better state for future generations. This, I am afraid, costs money. Few of us give a second's thought as to where our water comes from or indeed goes to and, unfortunately, any commodity which has a zero marginal cost at the point of supply is likely to be severely under-valued by its consumers. The introduction of water metering must surely come back on the agenda.

As well as providing a significant source of employment in their manufacture and installation, water meters will encourage people to be more sparing with what is actually a scarce resource. After all, of all the water which exists, only a tiny fraction is potable at any one time.

Yours faithfully,
MARK NORTON,
41 Rosslyn Hill,
Hampstead, NW3.
July 29.

From the Secretary of the Sewer Renovation Federation

Sir, Our membership, which includes companies responsible for 90 per cent of the competitively tendered sewer renovation work in the UK, welcome reduction of the rate of increase in charges made to consumers (report, July 29).

Our sewerage infrastructure continues to deteriorate at an increasing rate; as engineers and contractors actually working on the sewers we know that the rate of dereliction outstrips the rate of renovation and repair. The amounts collected from customers but held for future expenditures continue to increase.

The accounts for all the water companies are not yet to hand, but analysis to date shows for example that, by March 1994, Yorkshire Water's infrastructure renewals underspend (the unexpended balance of income charged to the profit and loss account) had increased from £108.1 million to £139.3 million.

Infrastructure assets require renovation at the earliest opportunity — collapse and subsequent replacement increase costs dramatically. Financially, the early expenditure of moneys already collected from customers will guarantee the lowest cost per kilometre, as recessionary and inflationary effects can be used to the water companies', and thus the customers', best advantage.

Yours faithfully,
C. W. REES, Secretary,
Sewer Renovation Federation,
PO Box 14, Langport,
Somerset TA10 9YX.

From Mr Guy Parker

Sir, In fairness to the directors and managers of the water companies, what were they supposed to do when told their businesses were going to be privatised? Admit they knew nothing about operating them in commercial situations? But nobody did.

Would a bunch of "big" business directors have done any better? Any different? Or would they simply have calculated and paid themselves the going rate for the job (including perks), and done exactly the same?

Certainly they would have — except, perhaps, that they would have started with good, external PR advice, knowing that without it the public's perception would be totally moulded by an ill-informed media. As has happened.

Yours faithfully,
GUY PARKER (Partner),
AMA (West),
PO Box 15,
Barnstaple, Devon EX33 2YY.

From Mr Vincent J. P. Gormally

Sir, There is a certain illogicality in the argument used to defend the salaries of water board chiefs.

If it is necessary to pay these huge sums in order to retain and motivate them how were they retained and motivated for far less before becoming water board chairmen?

Yours truly,
V. GORMALLY,
Croft House, Scalby,
Scarborough, North Yorkshire.
July 29.

From Mr Roy Albinson

Sir, I wonder why Thames Water spends consumers'/shareholders' money advertising itself in a national newspaper (*The Times*, August 4, "London ring main started long before privatisation"). The purpose surely cannot be to sell more water?

Yours faithfully,
ROY ALBINSON,
Courtlands, Mayfield Lane,
Wadhurst, East Sussex.
August 4.

Assault on child

From Mr Phillip Rose

Sir, In your report (later editions, July 29) of the decision to fine a man £50 for a sexual assault on a six-year-old girl, you write that Judge Whitley believed that it would not be in the interests of the girl to know she had been responsible for landing her assaulter in prison. From such comments, it is not at all clear who the learned judge saw as the victim and who he saw as the criminal.

Yours sincerely,
P. ROSE,
22 West End Lane, Pinner, Middlesex.

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Trauma in Rwanda

From Mr Ansel Harris

Sir, Although Ukjaid is a small and relatively new humanitarian emergency and developmental aid charity, a recent experience has taught us the importance of trauma treatment as part of the response to the victims of disasters (report, July 28).

A year or so ago we received a request from Dr Ceric, the chief Imam of the Muslim community. He asked for "professional assistance and expertise from our (Jewish) organisations that are experienced in treatment (psychological and psychiatric) of holocaust survivors". At the time he wrote Zagreb was inundated with over 500,000 Muslim refugees from Bosnia.

Our response, after consultation and within our limited resources, has been to provide much needed professional training and upgrading to psycho/social professionals working with these refugees in the former Yugoslavia. Of the first stage, Unicef Zagreb has written that it "is the most significant [project] Unicef has established with any NGO".

Since then we have had discussions with government and other non-government organisations urging that attention to the treatment of trauma in victims should be put higher on the agendas of all like-minded bodies. As your report says of Rwanda, "the difficulty of treating the psychological traumas will soon overtake the people's physical needs".

It is to be hoped that this challenge will not be forgotten when the current humanitarian disaster no longer hits the headlines.

Yours faithfully,
ANSEL HARRIS (Chairman),
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33 Seymour Place, W1.

Threat to funding for sport and arts

From Sir Tim Rice, Chairman of the Foundation for Sport and the Arts, and others

Sir, We are trustees of the Foundation for Sport and the Arts. In the three years of its existence we have given some £200 million in grants to over 11,000 organisations and individuals throughout the United Kingdom, in particular to fund projects of benefit to the community, the grass roots, the young and the disadvantaged. We are in no doubt that it represents one of the most enterprising and valuable private-sector initiatives ever to help sport and the arts.

The foundation's entire income derives from the pools industry. Unless, therefore, the Government holds to its promise not to restrict the industry's freedom to compete fairly with the National Lottery the foundation's continued existence will be in danger.

The Pool Promoters Association could have withdrawn from the foundation in order to respond to the threat from the lottery. But they have not done so — indeed they have said they want to keep us in existence: and, on our part, we believe that we can devise grant schemes for the future which will be distinct from and complementary to those pursued by the arts and sports bodies distributing National Lottery funds.

We do not understand how the Government, which is wedded to the principles of a free market, can defend a position where the lottery is to spend £40 million in the first year alone on TV advertising, while banning the pools companies from doing so, and where the pools pay out 45 per cent in tax and good causes, against 37 per cent of the lottery. No wonder Camelot is predicting a turnover six times that of the pools.

We hope that all who share our concern will be moved to express support for the pools' case, in the interests of the foundation, and the continuation of its good works.

Yours faithfully,
TIM RICE, Chairman,
BRABAZON of TARA (Deputy Chairman),
DICKIE ATTENBOROUGH,
JANET BAKER,
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August 2.

Bomb disclaimer

From the Acting Head of Mission, Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Sir, Your extraordinary headline (earlier editions, July 27), "Iran blamed for embassy car bomb", left us feeling baffled and disappointed. We are baffled because if the sophisticated intelligence services of the West have still not found the root or cause of the attack on the Israeli embassy in Buenos Aires in 1992, how could blame so quickly be apportioned after the London embassy bomb?

We are disappointed because through painstaking efforts we are trying to tell the world that Iran wants no part in international terrorism.

The media have recently given coverage to the Iranian government's belief that the Mujahedin Khalq Organisation is responsible for outrages within Iranian territory. Our own bitter experience of losing a president and a prime minister through terrorist attacks makes our criticism of terrorism even more relevant.

In expressing our sympathy to those injured, the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran disassociates itself from any group wishing to perpetrate terror.

Yours faithfully,
MOHAMMAD SAFAEI,
Embassy of the Islamic
Republic of Iran,
16 Prince's Gate, SW7.
August 1.

Genetic engineering

From Mrs Joanne Bower

Sir, Sharing Sir Julian Rose's misgivings about genetic engineering (letter, August 2), and in agreement with his statement that "public debate has never been allowed to catch up with or seriously question the wisdom of manipulating life in this way", the Farm and Food Society is organising a symposium on bio-ethics in farming on October 27.

It will be possible to hear the views of some leading figures in this field and to take part in discussion.

Yours faithfully,
JOANNE BOWER
(Honorary Secretary),
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4 Willifield Way, NW11.
August 2.

Surgical spirit

From Lieutenant-Commander Richard Attwater, RN (retd)

Sir, At a recent visit to my doctor (letter, August 5), in reply to the question: "What is the trouble?" I said: "Urine trouble doc".

"Oh, what have I done", was his response.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD ATTWATER,
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Warminster, Wiltshire.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
August 5: By command of The Queen, Mr David Hopkinson (Deputy Lieutenant of West Sussex) was present at Gatwick Airport, London, this morning upon the Arrival of the Governor-General of St Lucia and Lady James and welcomed Their Excellencies on behalf of Her Majesty.

Latest wills

Mr Robert Norman **Thomson**, of London NW3, executive director of the Royal Society of Medicine 1982-93, left estate valued at £217,198 net.

Mr Edward Crew **Zorab**, FRCS, of Southampton, Emeritus Ophthalmic Surgeon to Southampton Eye Hospital and the Royal South Hants Hospital, left estate valued at £160,087 net.
He left £500 each to Southampton University, and Guys Hospital Medical School, to benefit students.

Mr Oliver Wentworth **Roskill**, of Reading, Berkshire, industrial consultant, a founder member of the Council of the British Institute of Management and of the Institute of Management Consultants, left estate valued at £3,289,076 net. He left his estate mostly to relatives.

Mr Thomas Brian **Smith**, of Beacon Farm, Sedgefield, Co Durham, who died on December 18, 1992, left estate valued at £1,120,779 net. He died intestate.

Rt Hon John Gilbert **Viscount Simon**, of Abbotskerswell, Devon, chairman of the Port of London Authority 1958-71, left estate valued at £62,848 net.

Sir Jack Leslie **Rampton**, of Tonbridge, Kent, Permanent Under Secretary of State at the Department of Energy 1974-80, left estate valued at £428,881 net.
He left £500 to the British Australia Society, and £250 to the War Memorial Fund of Tonbridge School.

Other estates include (net before tax):
Mrs Amelia Emily Jane **Bell**, of Broadstone, Dorset £920,420
Mr Christopher John Jesseman **Berry**, of Ewell, Surrey ... £674,897
Mr Henry Yates **Cundall**, of Malton, North Yorkshire, retired auctioneer £624,102
Mr Albert Henry **Davison**, of Toton, Nottinghamshire, late company director £837,228
Mr William Maurice **Farrer**, of Grange over Sands, Cumbria £2,713,815
Mr Donald James **Goodenough**, of Orpington, Kent £1,523,724

Weekend birthdays

Today
The Countess of Albemarle, 85; Mr Chris Bonington, mountaineer, 60; Mr Billy Boston, rugby league player, 60; Mr Richard Buckle, writer and exhibition designer, 78; Mr Ron Davies, MP, 48; Mr Michael Deeley, film producer, 62; Mr Bill Emmott, editor, *The Economist*, 38; Colonel J. Ellis Evans, former Lord Lieutenant of Clwyd, 84; Mr John Evans, chief constable, Devon and Cornwall, 51; Mr Frank Finlay, actor, 68; Air Marshal Sir Geoffrey Ford, 71; Dame Monica Golding, former Colonel Commandant, QARANC, 92; Sir Howard Hodgkin, painter, 62; Sir Freddie Laker, creator, Skytrain Air Passenger Service, 72; Mr James Lees-Milne, architectural historian, 86; Sir Donald McCallum, chairman, Laser Ecosse, 72; the Rev Dr Robert McCrea, MP, 46; Air Vice-Marshal T.C. Macdonald, 85; Sir David Madel, MP, 56; Mr Dom Mintoff, former Prime Minister of Malta, 78; Mr Robert Mitchum, actor, 77; Mr David O'Brien, racehorse trainer, 38; Sir Duncan Oppenheim, former president, British American Tobacco Company, 90; Mr Jack Parnell, bandleader, 71; Judge Valerie Pearlman, 58; Mr Derek Prag, former MEP, 71; Mr John Reid, jockey, 39; Lord Swaythling, 66; the Marquess of Tweeddale, 47; Miss Barbara Windsor, actress, 57.

Tomorrow
The Right Rev David Bentley, Bishop of Gloucester, 59; Mr Greg Chappell, cricketer, 46; Mr Neil Clarke, chairman, British Coal, 60; Professor H.L. Elvin, former director, London University Institute of Education, 89; Mr Matthew Evans, chairman and managing director, Faber and Faber (Publishers), 53; Sir Ian Fraser, former chairman, Lazard Brothers, 71; the Right Rev A.A.K. Graham, Bishop of Newcastle, 65; Sir Paul Hawkins, former MP, 82; Mr J.H. Jackson, company secretary, British Gas, 46; Mr Kenneth Kendall, broadcaster, 70; Mr Andrew Large, chairman, Securities and Investment Board, 52; Mr Owen Luder, architect, 66; Mr A.G. McCrae, former chairman, British Ports Association, 85; Dame Ella Macknight, obstetrician and gynaecologist, 90; Vice-Admiral Sir Hector MacLean, 86; Mr Peter Niven, jockey, 30; Mr Matthew Parris, former MP, author and broadcaster, 45; Mr Nick Ross, broadcaster, 47; Mr Alexei Sayle, comedian, 42; Baroness Seear, 81; Mr Philip Snow, author, 79; Mr Roger Stott, MP, 51; Mr Walter Swinburn, jockey, 33; Sir Richard Sykes, deputy chairman and chief executive, Glaxo Holdings, 52; Mr Allen Thomas, world wide creative director, J. Walter Thompson (Europe), 50; Mr J.A. Young, chairman, Young and Company's Brewery, 73.

Anniversaries

Today
BIRTHS: Matthew Parker, Archbishop of Canterbury 1559-75, Norwich, 1504; Nicolas Malebranche, philosopher, Paris, 1638; François de Salignac de la Mothe-Fénelon, theologian, Périgord, France, 1651; William Hyde Wollaston, physician, East Dereham, Norfolk, 1766; Daniel O'Connell, 'the Liberator', Cahirciveen, Co Kerry, 1775; Alfred Tennyson, 1st Baron Tennyson, Poet Laureate 1850-92, Somersby, Lincolnshire, 1809; Rolf Boldrewood, (Thomas Alexander Browne), writer, London, 1826; Paul Claudel, poet, dramatist and diplomat, Villeneuve-sur-Fère, 1868; Sir Alexander Fleming, bacteriologist and discoverer of penicillin, Nobel laureate 1945, Darvel, Strathclyde, 1881; William Slim, 1st Viscount Slim, field marshal, Governor-General of Australia 1953-60, Bristol, 1891.
DEATHS: St Dominic, founder of the Dominican Order of Friars, Bologna, 1221; Anne Hathaway, wife of William Shakespeare, Stratford-on-Avon, 1623; Ben Jonson, dramatist, London, 1637; Diego Velasquez, painter, Madrid, 1660; David Allan, painter, Edinburgh, 1796; Sir Cedric Hardwicke, actor, New York, 1964; Fulgencio Batista y Zaldivar, dictator of Cuba 1933-49 and 1952-59, Spain, 1973; Giovanni Batista Montini, Pope Paul VI 1963-78, Castelgandolfo, 1978; Marino Marini, sculptor, Viareggio, Italy, 1980.
The dissolution of the Holy Roman Empire, 1806.
The Savoy Hotel opened, 1889.
The electric chair was used for the first time to execute murderer William Kemmler in New York, 1890.
An atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima by the Americans, 1945.

Tomorrow
BIRTHS: John Ayrton Paris, physician, Cambridge, 1785; Frederic William Farrar, writer of school stories, Dean of Canterbury 1895-1903, Bombay, 1831; Sir Granville Bantock, composer, London, 1868; Louis Leakey, archaeologist and anthropologist, Kabete, Kenya, 1903; Ralph Johnson Bunche, diplomat, Nobel Peace laureate 1950, Detroit, 1904.
DEATHS: Robert Blake, parliamentarian and admiral, at sea off Plymouth, 1657; Caroline, Queen Consort of King George IV, London, 1821; Joseph Marie Jacquard, silk weaver, Oullins, France, 1834; Aleksandr Blok, Russian poet, 1921; Curbaston Gregorio Ricci, mathematician, 1925; Konstantin Stanislavsky, actor and co-founder of the Moscow Arts Theatre, Moscow, 1938; Sir Rabindranath Tagore, poet, philosopher, Nobel laureate 1913, Calcutta, 1941.
The first recorded UFO was sighted above Basle, Switzerland, 1556.
Parliament passed an act prohibiting the employment of boys as chimney sweeps, 1840.
The first British Grand Prix was run at Brooklands, 1926.

MARTIN BEDDALL



Marie McCormack, with the picture of her husband, left, in a wartime issue of *Picture Post* magazine

D-Day hero's picture comes home at last

The widow of a D-Day paratrooper was presented yesterday with a framed photograph of her husband about to drop into France which originally appeared in *Picture Post* magazine in June 1944 (Robi Dutta writes). Marie McCormack, 72, from Wandsworth, south London, recognised the face of her late husband John "Paddy" O'Mahoney in a re-issued D-Day edition of the photo-news magazine, which her grandson had given to her. She contacted the publishers, who put her in touch with Hulton Deutsh, owners of the photographs. "John was the third man to jump from the leading aircraft and the third man to land on French soil," Mrs McCormack said. "Seeing the picture was marvellous." Mr O'Mahoney, of 6 Airborne Division, landed in the Sword Beach area and went on to help liberate Caen. He died later from wounds received in the last year of the war.

Church news

Appointments
The Rev Anthony Johnson, Vicar, Countesthorpe: to be *also* Priest-in-charge, Arnesby w Shearsby and Bruntingthorpe (Leicester).
The Rev Alan Litton, Vicar, St Clement, Spotland (Manchester): to be Rector, Newchurch (Liverpool).
The Rev Kevin Mentzel, Assistant Chaplain, Royal Hospital School, Ipswich (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich): to be Pastoral Assistant, parish of St Dionis, Parsons Green, Fulham (London).
The Rev Arthur Olsen, Priest-in-charge, Botleys and Lyne: to be Vicar, Botleys and Lyne and Longcross (Guildford).
The Rev Andy Pell, Priest-in-charge, Holy Trinity, Walton Breck: to be Vicar, Holy Trinity, Walton Breck (Liverpool).
The Rev Andrew Piggott, Team Vicar, Kidderminster, St George w SS Cecilia and Chad, Worcester: to be the Incumbent, Buddulph (Lichfield).
The Rev Jim Pye, Curate, Normanton by Derby (Derby): to be the Incumbent, Talke (Lichfield).

Dating shows man's earlier start

By NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

DATING of early human remains from Ethiopia suggests that the immediate ancestor of modern man developed around 640,000 years ago. Different evolutionary paths may have been followed in Africa and Asia, and some European fossils may be much earlier than previously thought.

The discovery of an early skull from Bodo, in the Middle Awash Valley 150 miles northeast of Addis Ababa, in 1976 with an estimated date of 350,000 years indicated the potential of the region for investigating the emergence of *Homo sapiens*. Further human bones, including a second skull, were found later in association with stone tools.

Professor Desmond Clark of the University of California at Berkeley and his colleagues have now used the recently-developed technique of laser-fusion argon-argon dating to establish that the Bodo remains are nearly twice as old as had been thought. Since "these specimens straddle the interface between *Homo erectus* and *Homo sapiens* — a transition whose age is poorly defined", the new dates place the emergence of our own species (although not the present subspecies *Homo sapiens sapiens*) around 640,000, plus or minus 3,000, years ago.

This evidence, published recently in *Science*, agrees with the assignment of Boxgrove Man, some 500,000 years old, and the Mauer jawbone from Germany, to *Homo sapiens*, and indicates that the Boxgrove shinbone, "the earliest European", is among the oldest remains of our species outside Africa. Since coeval human specimens from China and Java are assigned to the more primitive species *Homo erectus*, evolution in Africa and Asia may have followed different paths, with advanced features appearing earlier in Africa, the investigators say.

Alternatively, other humans thought to have evolved from *Homo erectus*, including skulls from Arago in the Pyrenees and Petralona in northern Greece, may be half a million years old instead of the 250-300,000 years currently accepted, they suggest. If the latter thesis is true, then early humans penetrated Europe on a much wider front than hitherto thought, with a move out of Africa not long after the initial appearance of *Homo sapiens* on the world stage.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.O. Ellor and Miss L.N. Downing
The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs J.O. Ellor, of Repton, Derbyshire, and Lucy, daughter of Dr F.A. Downing, of Sheffield, and Mrs R. Beney, of Chesterfield, Derbyshire.

Mr B.F. Facon and Miss N.M. Ferrier
The engagement is announced between Bertrand, son of Mr Pierre Facon and the late Mrs Christiane Facon, of France, and Nicola, youngest daughter of Mr Michael Ferrier, of Hong Kong, and Mrs Christine Ferrier, of London.

Mr J.M. Pratt and Miss A.K. Bonas
The engagement is announced between Jamie Michael, younger son of Mr and Mrs Michael Pratt, Greenville, South Carolina, and Anna Katharine, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Bonas, Bedburn Hall, Hamsterley, County Durham.

Captain J.F. Shepard and Miss J.E. Edgar
The engagement is announced between Captain Jonathan Shepard, 1st Bn The King's Regiment, son of Mr and Mrs F. Shepard, of Bromborough, Wirral, and Justine, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.F. Edgar, of Letchworth, Hertfordshire.

Appointment

Colonel B.S.T. Archer, GC, has been appointed Chairman of The Victoria Cross and George Cross Association.

Marriages

Mr C.L. Hargrove and Miss C.S. Calhoon
The marriage took place on Saturday, July 23, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Austin, Texas, of Mr Charles Lockhart Hargrove, elder son of Mr and Mrs Charles Hargrove, of Paris, France, to Miss Catherine Sumner Calhoon, daughter of Dr Jim Calhoon and Mrs Jacqueline Calhoon, of Austin, Texas.

Mr D. Rutley and Ms R. Faber
The marriage took place on Friday, August 5, in East Grinstead, Sussex between Mr David Rutley and Ms Rachel Faber.

Mr A. Sako and Miss S.R. Lawson
The marriage took place on July 29, 1994, in Sousse, Tunisia, of Aboubakar Sako, of Banfora, Burkina Faso, son of Mr Almami Sako and of Mrs Mariam Sanogo, and Sarah Lawson, daughter of the late Dr Charles Lawson and of Dr Barbara Lawson, of Rearsby, Leicestershire.
A reception will be held later in Rearsby.

Mr N.R. Williamson and Miss J.F. Escott
The marriage took place on Saturday, July 16, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Tadworth, of Mr Neil Williamson to Miss Julia Escott. The Rev Robert McLean officiated.
The bride, who was given away by her father, Mr Thomas Escott, was attended by her sister Miss Jemma Escott, Miss Silin Escott, Stephanie Kibble and Joshua Escott. Mr David Botting was best man.
A reception was held at Queen's Stand, Epsom Downs and the honeymoon is being spent in Hong Kong, China and Bali.

University news

Glasgow
The university has appointed Professor Graeme Davies to be its next Principal. Professor Davies, Chief Executive of the Higher Education Funding Council for England a former Vice-Chancellor of Liverpool, will succeed Sir William Fraser who retires in September 1995.
Professor Davies, who is 57 and married with a son and daughter, was born and brought up in New Zealand and graduated BE, PhD from the University of Auckland and MA, ScD from St Catharine's College, Cambridge. After academic posts at the Universities of Auckland and Cambridge and visiting professorship in Brazil, Israel, Argentina and China, he became Professor of Metallurgy at the University of Sheffield in 1978.
From 1986-91 he was Vice-Chancellor of the University of Liverpool. He was chief executive successively of two forerunners of the Higher Eduation Council for England, namely the Universities Funding Council (UFC) and the Polytechnics & Colleges Funding Council (PCFC). He took up his current post in 1992.
Professor Davies is a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering, an Honorary Fellow of the Royal Society of New Zealand and Honorary Graduate of the University of Liverpool.

South Bank London
The following new professors have been appointed:
Robert Erich Imhof: Electrical Engineering in the School of Electrical, Electronic and Information Engineering. He is presently a professor at Strathclyde University.
David Dunster: Professor of Architecture in the School of Architecture and Civil Engineering, formerly of Bartlett School of Architecture.
Jenny Preece: Professor of Information Systems in the School of Computing, Information Systems and Mathematics. She is a teacher and researcher in Human-Computer Interaction.
Neil Alford: Physical Electronics in the School of Electrical, Electronic and Information Engineering. He is a Division Research Associate with ICI.
Trudy Harpham: Urban Development and Policy in the School of Land Management and Urban Policy. He is at London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.
Michael Ball: Urban Economics in the School of Land Management and Urban Policy. He is a Senior Lecturer in economics at Birkbeck College.

Church services tomorrow

Tenth Sunday after Trinity
BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL: 11 Choral Euch, Mark Dancer in G, Teach me thy way, O Lord (Fox), Sicut cervus (Palestrina), Rev Canon A Luff; 4 Choral E, Daniel Purcell in E minor, When all thy mercies (Richard Lloyd).
BRISTOL CATHEDRAL: College Green, 7.40 M; 8 HC; 10 Choral Euch, Through Christ Jesus (Hurford), Folk Mass (Dankworth), Ego sum panis vivus (Byrd), Canon A Redfern; 3.30 Choral E, Responses (Smith), Coll. Magdalenae Oxoniense (Leighton), Lift up your heads (Darke), Canon J Simpson.
CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 M; 11 S Euch, Missa Aeterna Christi Munera (Palestrina), Jubilate Deo (Lassus), Rev G Manley; 12.30 9/12 Lancers Mem Service; 1, Queens Reg. Assoc Service, Archdeacon; 3.15 E, Responses (Stow), Howells in G, Beatus vir (Carissimi), Rt Rev G Reid; 6.30 Compline.
CARLISLE CATHEDRAL: 10.30 S Euch, Ave verum corpus (Byrd), Canon M Langley; 3 E, The Lamb (Tavener), Responses (Byrd), Coll Reg (Howells), The heavens are telling (Haydn), Toccata giocosa (Mathias).
CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL: 7.30 MP; 8 HC; 9.30 Parish C, Rev R Cadman; 11.15 S Euch, O How amiable are thy dwellings (Jeffrey Smith), Missa Brevis in D (Britten), O sacrum convivium (Leighton), Rev J Jones; 6 Choral E, Sumsion in G, My spirit be joyful (Bach), Vice Provost.
CHESTER CATHEDRAL: 7.45 L; 8 HC; 10 Baptism & Euch, Sanctus, Benedictus & Agnus Dei (George Oldroyd), Peace I leave with you (F Wadely), God be in my head (Rutter); 11.30 Choral M, Responses (Smith), John Ireland in F, Insanae et vanae curae (Haydn), Canon M Rees; 3.30 EP; 6.30 E, Canon M Rees.
CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 M, Stanford in C, O for a closer walk with God (Stanford); 11 S Euch, Aeterna Christi Munera, Sicut cervus (Palestrina); 3.30 E, Coll Reg (Howells), Lord thou hast been our refuge (Bairstow).
COVENTRY CATHEDRAL: 7.40 MP; 8 C; 10.30 Euch, Missa Aeterna Christi Munera (Palestrina), To thee O Lord (Rachmaninov), Ave verum (Mozart), Rev T Darby; 3; 5.30 E, If ye love me (Vanni), Responses (Bertalot), Walmisley in D, Thy perfect love (Rutter).
DURHAM CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 M, Boyce in C, Almighty God, Canon R Coppin; 11.15 HC, Ireland in C, Locus Iste (Bruckner), Rev M Parker; 3.30 E, Darke in F, Let God arise (Howells); 5.30 EP.
ELY CATHEDRAL: 8.15 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Missa St Johannis de Deo (Haydn), How goodly are thy tents (Ouseley), Rev R Nancarrow; 3.45 E, Harwood in A flat, Let all the world (Vaughan Williams).
LEICESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 MP; 10.30 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Palestrina), If ye love me (Tallis), Canon Chancellor; 4 EP.
LINCOLN CATHEDRAL: 10.30 S Euch, Harwood in A flat, Jubilate from Coll Reg (Howells), Let all mortal flesh (Bairstow), Rev P Thorneycroft; 3.30 E, Responses (Leighton), Walmisley in D minor, O Lord the maker (Mundy).
LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M; 8, 12.15 Euch, Mr V Steele; 9 Parish Euch; 11 Sung Euch, Coll Reg (Howells), Here O my Lord (Whitlock), Ave verum corpus (Byrd); 12.15 HC; 3.30 Choral E, Responses (Clucas), Stanford in A, Evening hymn (Gardiner); 6.30 E, Rev J Redvers Harris.
MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8.45 MP; 9 HC; 10.30 S Euch, The Dean; 3.30 E.
SALISBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 Euch, Mass for Double Choir (Martin), Be still my soul (Whitlock), Canon J Stewart; 11.40 M, Responses (Shephard), Te Deum (Bax), Jubilate (Walton), A Hymn to the Mother of God (Tavener), Dr D Downing; 3 E, Responses (Shephard), St Pauls Service (Howells), Blessed city heav'nly salem (Bairstow).
SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 Euch; 11 Choral Euch, Wood in F, All thy works praise thee (WS Lloyd Webber), Ubi caritas (Duruflé), Canon R White; 3 E, Brewer in D, Insanae et vanae crae (Haydn).
WELLS CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 S Euch, Kennington Service (Lewis), Let my complaint (Batten), Rev G Farran; 11.30 M, Stanford in B flat, O sing joyfully (Batten); 3 E, Stanford in C, Save us O Lord (Bairstow), Preb R Barnett.
WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10 M, Responses (Rose), Te Deum (Whitlock), Hosanna to the Son of David (Weelkes), Canon D Gray; 11.15 Euch, Stanford in C, Laudate nomen Domini (Tye), Canon D Gray; 3 E, Blair in B minor, How lovely are thy dwellings fair (Brahms), Canon M Baddeley; 6.30 ES, Canon A Harvey.
WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 7, 8, 9, 12, 5.30, 7 M; 10.30 SM with hymns; 10 MP; 3.30 SV & B with hymns.
YORK MINSTER: 8, 8.45 HC; 10 S Euch, Mass of the quiet hour (Oldroyd), Ave verum corpus (Elgar); 11.30 M, Britten in C, O for a closer walk with God (Grayston Ives); 4 E, Stanford in A, I will sing with the spirit (Rutter), Canon L Stanbridge.
ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL, Clwyd: 8 HC, 11 Choral Euch, Missa Parldia (Trepte), Ave verum corpus (Mozart); 3.30 EP.
ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 8, 10, 6 LM; 11.30 SM, Fr A Richins.
ST GILES' CATHEDRAL, Edinburgh: 8, 10 HC, Gloria in Excelsis O Quam Gloriosum (Victoria); 11.30 MS, Tu es Petrus (Palestrina); 8 ES, Rev Dr J Shepherd.
ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, London: 8 HC; 10.30 M, Te Deum & Jubilate in C (Boyce), Rev M Saward; 11.30 HC, The short service, O nata lux de lumine (Tallis); 3.15 E, Harwood in A flat, O Jonathan (Weelkes), Rt Rev R Beak.
ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, Dundee: 8 HC; 9.40 Sung C; 11 S Euch, The Provost; 6.30 SE.
ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8, 5.15 LM; 10.20 MP; 11 HM, Missa Bell Amfitrit altera (Lassus), Laudibus in sanctis (Byrd); 6 B&B, Wood in E flat, Praise the Lord my soul (Wesley), Rev P McGeary.
ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 9 C, 11, Rev Dr J Stott; 6.30, Rev R Bewes.
AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, Tottenham Court Rd, W1: 9.45 Sunday School; 11 Worship, Rev James Schmidt.
THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 11, Missa quarti toni (Vittoria), Behold O God our defender, Let my prayer come up (Blow).
CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, SW3: 8 HC; 11 Parish C, Rev B Palmer-ffynch; 6 E, Rev D Bean.
CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15, Rev S Hood; 12.20 HC; 6.30, Dr P Green.
FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM.
THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 12.30, 4.30, 7 M, 11 Mass in B flat (Schubert), Tu solus qui facis (Josquin), 3.30 V & B, O bone Jesu (Palestrina).
WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 11 MS & HC, Rev P Hulme.
WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11, 6.30, Dr P Sangster.
ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 Choral HC, Rev E Krentz-Wee; 2 HC, Swahili, Rev F Kigiri; 7 Choral M, Lutheran Choral Service of HC based on Martin Luther's "Deutsche Messe", Rev Dr J Schmidt.
ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, EC1: 9 HC; 11 M; 6.30 E, Rev A Winter.
ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Choral M & Euch, Ireland in C, Coll Reg (Howells), Ave verum corpus (A Herschell Hill), Canon B Christianson; 6.30 Choral E, Responses (Morley), Andrews in D, Faire is the Heaven, Guild Chaplain Wallace Boulton.
ST CLEMENT DANES: 11 Euch, Stanford in C & F, Adoramus te (Monteverdi), Rev B McAvoy.
ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11, Rev J McIndoe; 6.30, Rev W Alexander Cairns.
ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 11 SM, Mass for 3 voices (Byrd), Ego flos campi (Clemens non Papa), Prelude & fugue in C (Bach).
ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Short service (Batten), Jesu the very thought of thee (Victoria), The Rector.
ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC; 9.45 Family C; 11 S Euch, Merbecke, Rev J Yates.
ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 11 S Euch, Missa Brevis, O sacrum convivium (Palestrina), Canon A Harvey.
ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 9.45 Euch, Saint Martin's Service (Stringer), Rejoice in the Lord always (Redford), Salvator mundi (Blow); 11.30 Visitors, Responses (Lane), Justorum animae (Stanford); 5 Choral E, Responses (Morley), Miserere Mei (Byrd), Plein Jeu (Boyvin), Clair de lune (Vierne).
ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9, 9.45 LM; 11 HM, Missa brevis (Heredia), Canon G Reid; 6 Solemn E & SB; 7 LM.
ST MARY-THE-VIRGIN, Primrose Hill: 8 HC; 10.30 Parish Euch, Rev D Jones.
ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8 HC; 11 S Euch, Mass (Merbecke), Rev R McLaren; 6.30 Ministry of Healing, Rector.
ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 10 Family Euch; 11 Sung Euch, Mass for 4 voices, Ave verum corpus (Byrd).
ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8, 9 LM; 11 SM, Darke in E, O taste & see (Vaughan Williams), Jesu dulcis memoria (Shephard), Canon C Colven; 6 EP & B.
GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street, W1: 8.15 HC; 11 S Euch, Rev S Hobbs.
GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 Choral; 11 Choral HC, The whole bright world rejoices now (German Carol), Mass for 4 voices (Byrd), Rev K Joyce.

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Here is the message we have heard from him and pass on to you: God is light and in him there is not darkness at all.
1 John 1:5 (REB)

BIRTHS

BEAUMONT - On July 30th at The Portland Hospital, to Caroline (née Corcoran) and John, a wonderful son, Michael Harry McKenzie.

BONNER - On 31st July, to Susan and Henry, a son, Giles James.

CLEGNAC - On August 4th at St George's Hospital, to Vivien and Jacques, a son, Antoine Frederick Stanley, a brother for Sophie and Juliette.

DONALDSON - On August 3rd, to Heather (née Beynon) and John, a daughter, Elizabeth Ann, a sister for Robin and Michael.

DRAKE - On July 28th 1994 at St Mary's Hospital, Isles of Scilly, to Deborah (née Mead) and Mark, a daughter, Katharine Eloise, a welcome sister for Rebecca, Thomas and Sophie.

HOBHOUSE - On August 1st, to Sarah (née Bush) and Sebastian, a daughter, Katharine.

HORSELL - On July 26th, to Julie (née Snell) and Robin, a beautiful daughter, Evangeline Grace, a sister to Tom and Lucy.

JOLLY - On 3rd August to Don and Lai Chun, in London, a son, Scott Alexander.

MACDONALD - On August 5th at the Tamworth Hospital, N.S.W., Australia, to Senator Sandy Macdonald and Alice (née Wright), a daughter, Camilla Kirstie.

MARTIN - On 4th July, to Carol and Paul, a son, Thomas Christopher, a brother for James.

ROSE - On 20th April 1994 at The Portland Hospital, to Leigh and Nicholas, a wonderful son, Gregory Blake; 7lbs 10oz.

SEGRAVE - On 1st August 1994, to Alexandra (née Ellis) and Paul, a beautiful daughter, Zara Eloise.

SHOARD - On 26th July 1994, to Kim and Ian, a son, Alexander Elliot, a brother for Lauren.

TEICHT - On July 29th at The Portland Hospital, to Carole and Julian, a beautiful baby boy, Benjamin Thomas.

USSHER - On 15th July at Harrogate General Hospital, to Sarah (née Mackesy) and Christopher, a daughter, Daisy.

WILSON-MacDONALD - On August 4th 1994, to Suzette (née Franklin) and James, a son, Angus James, a brother for Duncan.

WOODHOUSE - On July 25th at Cambridge, to Eugénie (née Romer) and William, a daughter, Laura Maude, a sister for Beatrice.

DEATHS

BARR - On Wednesday 3rd August, peacefully, Eberh Bertie Stevenson, pioneer of Wheelchair Bus, dearly loved mother of John and grandmother of Blake. The service will take place at St Andrews United Reformed Church, Montpellier, Cheltenham, at 2.15 pm on Thursday 11th August, to be followed by a family cremation. Flowers from family and close friends only please. Donations, if desired, for the Cheltenham Association for the Transport of the Disabled c/o Messrs. Selim Smith & Co. Ltd., 74 Prestbury Rd., Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

BLACKIE - Christopher James Morell, on August 4th, peacefully, aged 86. Devoted husband of the late Pauline Blackie and dearly loved father of James, Henry, Johnny and Aloyse. Funeral at St Andrew's, Helpringham, at 11.30 am August 12th, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, donations to The Parkinson's Disease Society. Enquiries to William C. Allenby & Son. tel: (0526) 832319.

CHEETHAM - Suddenly at home on 2nd August 1994, Dr. Harry Dixon. Husband of Jacqueline and father of Jane and Edward. Funeral Service at Christ Church, Dartford, at 11.15 am on Wednesday 10th August followed by private cremation. No flowers by request but donations, if desired, to the Ellenor Foundation. Any enquiries please to Leverton Funeral Service. tel: (0322) 226216.

COOPER BAILEY - Mollie (J.M.) of Carlisle, Newcastle, Wimbledon and Harrogate, on 4th August aged 93, after a long tough illness, mother of William and much loved wife of the late William. No mourning or flowers. Cremation private. Memorial Service in September, details on request. Donations to local church or charity of own choice.

HAWTREY - On 4th August 1994, peacefully, Felicia Southby, aged 82 years, widow of Geoffrey, much loved mother and grandmother. Family cremation at Salisbury Crematorium at 11.40 am on Wednesday 10th August followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at 2.30 pm at Berwick St James. No flowers by request, donations if desired to the Injured Jockeys Fund c/o Chris White, 43 Russell Street, Wilton.

HOWARD - On August 4th, Denis Valentine Eliot Howard, 74 years, darling husband of Della and dear brother of Tony and Michael. After a gallant battle against cancer. Funeral family only at St Nicholas Church, Ashmore. No flowers please but donations if desired to The Royal Marsden Hospital, Fulham Road, London SW3. Memorial Service to be announced later.

JOHNSON - On August 3rd 1994, peacefully in her 88th year, Patricia J.A.P.M.F. Johnson. For 58 years beloved wife of Robert Ernest Winter Johnson, loving mother of Penelope, wonderful grandmother to Toby, Alexander and Jean-Michel. At her request funeral private, no flowers. If desired donations to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, Anchor House, 15-19 Britten Street, London SW3 3TZ.

LOWE - On 4th August 1994, suddenly in Montreal, Gordon, formerly of Alexandria, beloved husband of Lyn.

NEWMAN - Peter Laurence T.D., F.I.E.E., born 1907 Naseby, New Zealand, died 3rd August, Collingtree, Northamptonshire, after a long and courageously fought illness. A man of many talents: Territorial Army, 8th Army, Express Lift Company in South Africa and England, Parish Councillor and friend to a village. Deeply missed by his wife Susan, son Peter and family. Funeral 11.30 am Collingtree Church, Wednesday 10th August.

PATERSON - On August 4th 1994, Gipsy (Gladys Rose) aged 93, widow of George. Much loved mother of Sally and son-in-law Mick and adored grandmother of Robin and Jane. Funeral at West Wittering Church at 12.30 pm Wednesday 10th August. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Rwanda Emergency Appeal, c/o Edward White & Sons, 5 South Pallant, Chichester.

SNOWBALL - Doris Ruth (née Branch). Loving wife of Frank. Suddenly at Ilminster, Somerset, on 4th August 1994. Funeral Service will take place at the Minster Church, Ilminster, on Thursday 11th August at 3 pm, followed by interment at Ilminster Cemetery. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired for the Minster Church c/o J and J Pantling, 7 West Street, Ilminster, tel: (0460) 52576.

TEBBUTT - On 3rd August, David Paul, husband of Monica, father of Charles and Henry, father-in-law and proud 'Papa'. Service at Vale Crematorium, Stopsley, on Wednesday August 10th at 1.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations to Garden House Hospice, Letchworth or Cancer Research.

THOMAS - On Sunday 31st July 1994, after a long illness at Catania, Sicily, Caitlin, widow of Dylan Thomas. Funeral Service at Laugharne Parish Church, Laugharne, Dyfed, at 2.30pm Wednesday 10th August 1994.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

READ - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of John Read of Benhall, Suffolk, will take place on Wednesday August 10th at Great Glemham Parish Church at 1 pm. No flowers, if desired donations for The Rwanda Appeal c/o Tony Brown, The Funeral Parlour, Saxmundham, Suffolk IP17 1DJ.

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HARRIS, Emily Maude Ellen of Greystones Nursing Home, 261 Barry Road, London SE22 (formerly of 38 Waveney Avenue, Peckham, London SE15) died on 3rd March 1994 particulars to Hepburns Solicitors of Blenheim House, Blenheim Grove, Peckham, London SE15 4QX before 10th October 1994.

HUCKLE, Elsie of Dammah House, Bakers Road, Wroughton, Swindon, Wiltshire SN4 0RP (formerly of 42 Shire Lane, Chorleywood, Hertfordshire) died on 4th November 1993 particulars to Rowe & Maw Solicitors of 20 Blackfriars Lane, London EC4V 6HD (Ref: 67/06044/T) before 7th October 1994.

TITMUS, Ethel Emma of 8 Manus Way, London N20 0LG died on 26th February 1994 particulars to Kidd Rapinet Solicitors of 14 & 15 Craven Street, London WC2N 5AD before 10th October 1994.

OBITUARIES

SIR JAMES MOUNT

Sir James Mount, CBE, BEM, horticulturalist, died on July 26 aged 85. He was born on November 8, 1908.



JIM MOUNT was one of those who led the fightback by British apple growers against the invasion of Britain by the imported Golden Delicious. One of the country's largest and most innovative fruit farmers, he helped to found, in 1961, the marketing co-operative Home Grown Fruits and became its first chairman.

Not only did this encourage British orchards to counter-attack, with the Cox's orange pippin and other indigenous varieties, but it strengthened their negotiating position when selling to the powerful new retailing chains.

Mount also lived long enough to see his ultimate ambition realised when Home Grown Fruits merged recently with its principal rival, East Kent Packers, to form ENFRU. An acronym for "English Fruit", ENFRU further increased the farmers' muscle overnight.

William Spencer Mount had [illegible] family business from his father. He began work on the family farm near Canterbury after leaving Tonbridge School and then, together with his brother David, took over the management of the fruit-producing firm of S. W. Mount on their father's death fifty years ago.

It was a daunting task because entrepreneurs of his father's generation tended to keep a tight rein on financial matters. Jim Mount took over as chairman, with 100 men under his control, without ever having been allowed to see the books. He developed the firm, however, into not merely one of the biggest enterprises of its kind, with at one time four separate farms and 1,200 acres, but turned it into one of the most progressive. He also added a dairy herd of Jersey cattle to the orchards of pears, plums and apples which constituted its main business.

He continued his father's connections with the world-famous East Malling Research Station (now known as Horticulture Research International) where he was appointed to the governing body on his father's death in 1944. He became honorary chairman in 1950 and held the position for the next 20 years, when he was made chairman of the development and endowment fund.

After helping to guide the station through a difficult period for the industry and for research establishments, he retired from this post only four years ago — by which time he felt that the station's future was secure.

Appointed CBE in 1965, he was knighted in 1979 for his services to British horticulture and three years later received the Royal Horticultural Society's highest award, the Victoria Medal of Honour. His BEM reflected his war work when he led his local special services division of the Home Guard — those volunteers who would have gone "underground" to start a resistance movement had Hitler invaded Britain. He also ran the Canterbury Army Cadet Force and belonged to the Auxiliary Fire Service during the Canterbury blitz.

An honour which must have given him particular satisfaction came three years ago when the new Jim Mount Building, designed for carrying out research on apple storage (a special interest of his) was formally opened at the East Malling research station by John Gummer, the then Minister of Agriculture.

Mount's strength lay in the breadth of his talents. Not only was he a sound administrator with his feet firmly on the ground, but he was also a knowledgeable enthusiast for research who demonstrated his faith in horticultural science by practising what he preached. The biological control of pests — as opposed to the spraying of trees with toxic chemicals — was one area in which he led the way.

Mount was a big man in all senses of the word. Over 6ft 7in tall, he remained even at the height of his powers a courteous, unassuming person. In private life he loved opera and the arts, as well as gardening and fishing, and was able to indulge these interests in later years.

His life was not without sadness. The death of his first wife, Margaret, in 1973 was followed by that of their only son seven years ago. He is survived by his second wife, Jane, and by three daughters of his first marriage.

RICHARD Du CANN

Richard Du Cann, QC, a Recorder of the Crown Court, 1982-92, and Chairman of the Criminal Bar Association, 1977-80, died from cancer on August 4 aged 65. He was born in London on January 27, 1929.



PRACTISING in the criminal courts, Dick Du Cann was one of the foremost advocates of his generation. Presenting a spare and somewhat ascetic appearance in court, whether prosecuting or defending, he was the absolute master of his brief and a truly formidable opponent. Though normally of serious demeanour in his conduct of a case, when the right moment came he could reduce a jury to fits of laughter.

In Silk he was a demanding leader, expecting the same standards of perfection he tried to achieve himself. He did not tolerate slackness, and idleness in the preparation of a case was anathema to him. But he never forgot during the whole of his most distinguished career what it was like to be young and inexperienced, and his courtesy and consideration towards young barristers was well known. Time and again his advice was sought by professional colleagues, senior Silks and young juniors alike. No trouble was too great.

Richard Dillon Lott Du Cann was born (contrary to ancient regulations forbidding it) in Gray's Inn. Educated at Steyning Grammar School he thereafter served two eventful years as a constable in the Palestine police before going up to Clare College, Cambridge, where he read law.

Called to the Bar in 1953, he joined the chambers of R. E. Seaton and was pupil to James Burge, a masterly jury advocate. Having established a very busy criminal practice (he appeared as second junior with Jeremy Hutchinson and Gerald Gardiner, QC, in the Lady Chatterley case), in 1966 he became Treasury Counsel at the County of London Sessions, and then junior treasury counsel at the Central Criminal Court. He was subsequently appointed senior Treasury Counsel.

In 1975 he became a Queen's Counsel and built up an outstandingly successful practice, increasingly in demand for heavy cases of all kinds. The high profile cases in which Du Cann appeared as defending counsel included those of Ian Posgate, Tommy Docherty, the Herald of Free Enterprise and Blue Arrow. In all of these he was successful.

From 1982 he was a Recorder of the Crown Court. In addition to a tremendous workload, he worked tirelessly for his profession. Chairman of the Criminal Bar Association, 1977-80 and chairman of the Senate and Bar Council 1980-81, Du Cann did everything in his power to remove the stuffy image of the Bar.

Made a bencher of Gray's Inn in 1979, he showed great concern and interest in the students of his Inn. His book *The Art of the Advocate* (1964, revised edition 1993), is regarded as the foremost book on advocacy and is read by practitioners and students alike. A member of the Council of Legal Education (CLE) since 1974, in 1980 he devised a course on ethics, made compulsory for all students, and was a vice-chairman of the CLE, 1987-92, and chairman of its finance committee.

From 1976 until his retirement in 1993, he gave regular lectures on advocacy to CLE students which were brilliantly successful. None of this would have been possible without the support of his beloved wife Marley.

Although in many ways a private person, he was a delightful host and amusing companion. He was greatly enjoying the first year of his retirement, and had already started to write a book commissioned by Penguin on "Censorship and the Law".

He was the brother of Sir Edward Du Cann, former Conservative MP and chairman of the 1922 Committee.

Richard Du Cann is survived by his wife, his two sons and two daughters.

SIR NEVILLE LEIGH

Sir Neville Leigh, KCVO, Clerk of the Privy Council, 1974-84, died of heart failure on August 1 aged 72. He was born on June 4, 1922.



NEVILLE LEIGH had a distinguished career as a public servant, spending 33 years in the Privy Council Office. Sharing accommodation with the Cabinet Office, the 30-strong staff who serve the Lord President of the Council symbolise very much the "dignified" as opposed to the "efficient" part of the constitution.

Their main responsibility is to supervise all the procedures relating to the exercise of the royal prerogative — which can mean anything from making the arrangements for the pricking of sheriffs through the grant and award of royal charters to the swearing-in of new Cabinet ministers and the handing over by the Queen of their seals of office.

One of the more dramatic moments of Neville Leigh's career came in April 1982 when he had to summon an emergency meeting of the Privy Council to arrange for the requisition from P & O of the *Canberra* so that it could join the task force sailing for the Falklands.

Neville Egerton Leigh was the son of Captain Cecil Egerton Leigh and his wife Gladys. The Leighs are an old Cheshire family reaching back to the 13th century but Leigh himself, though he was sent to school at Charterhouse, was largely brought up in the South of France. His father, who died in 1930, had moved there in the 1920s and the family lived in some style in Cannes — it was an era in which British expatriates tended to colonise the French Riviera. For the young Leigh, however, all that way of life came to an end with the fall of France in June 1940.

Just 18 years old, he initially devoted himself to relief work for the French Red Cross but, keen to play his part in the war, he did not take long to make his escape to Britain via Spain. A fluent linguist — not surprisingly especially strong in French — he volunteered for the Royal Air Force in 1942, serving first in Algiers and then being recruited to the cryptographic staff at Bletchley Park, where he did both code-breaking and other intelligence work. He remained with the RAFVR until 1947, reaching the rank of flight lieutenant.

He then started reading for the Bar, in those less demanding days being called within a year by the Inner Temple. His first job was with the Treasury Solicitor's Department but after two years there as a legal assistant he joined the Privy Council Office as a senior clerk in 1951. He gradually amassed a great knowledge of the Privy Council Office's work — which in its more informal aspects could extend to advising Cabinet ministers on how exactly they should write a thank-you letter to the Queen — and his rise in the hierarchy began with his appointment as deputy clerk to the renowned Sir Godfrey Agnew in 1965.

He was made Clerk of the Council, in succession to Sir Godfrey, in 1974. Some of the first Orders-in-Council he had to prepare for submission arose out of the Heath Government's need to impose regulations to govern during the three-day week, to which it had resorted in an effort to avert the industrial effects of the miners' overtime ban of 1973-74. Leigh, however, was as at home with such crisis measures as he was with the more routine duties of accompanying sometimes resentful Labour Cabinet ministers on their summer journeys to Balmoral.

He always observed the tradition of quiet, unobtrusive service characteristic of the Privy Council Office. He was appointed CVO in 1967 and created KCVO in 1980. He retired in 1984 but thereafter served on a number of tribunals and inquiries. He was especially pleased by his appointment in 1986 to be a governor of Sutton's Hospital, Charterhouse, in the City of London.

Neville Leigh married in 1944 Denise Branch. She, a daughter and two sons (one of whom is Conservative MP for Gainsborough and Horncastle) survive him.

PROFESSOR KENNETH DONALD

Kenneth Donald, OBE, DSC, Professor of Medicine at the University of Edinburgh, 1959-76, died on July 17 aged 82. He was born on November 25, 1911.



KENNETH DONALD was an expert on underwater physiology and a human guinea pig in heart research. He was a friendly, humorous man, but having once served in the Royal Navy, he was known to run his departments with more than a touch of naval discipline.

Kenneth William Donald was educated at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, and St Bartholomew's Hospital. During the war he served in the Royal Navy as senior medical officer with the 2nd and 5th destroyer flotillas and was awarded the DSC for his services at Narvik. After the raid on the Lofoten Islands, he brought back large stocks of cod liver oil for children in Britain.

He then began investigating the use of oxygen in diving operations for the Admiralty, as oxygen poisoning was a problem for divers using self-contained underwater breathing apparatus. Donald's work led to the development of oxygen-nitrogen mixtures useful for divers. Fifty years later, in 1992, he produced an authoritative work on the subject, *Oxygen and the Diver*.

After the war Donald worked at St Bartholomew's Hospital, Brompton Hospital, and then at Columbia University on a Rockefeller Fellowship, 1948-49. He settled in the academic unit at Birmingham as a reader in medicine in 1950, and there formed a team with John Bishop, Gordon Cumming and Owen Wade.

At that point in heart surgery a surgeon could dilate a "stenosed" or narrowed mitral valve — the valve which guards the opening between the atrium and ventricle on the left side of the heart — and allow an improvement in the flow of blood, thereby giving the patient relief.

However, if at operation the valve was leaky it could not, in those early days, be repaired. By passing a catheter through the right ventricle into the pulmonary artery Donald and his team learnt to diagnose mitral stenosis with greater precision. They then sampled the oxygen content of the arterial blood travelling from the heart and the pulmonary artery blood returning to the heart, along with a measurement of the patient's oxygen consumption. They could thus measure the volume of blood put out by the heart in each minute. But Donald realised that more useful information could be had by performing the studies both at rest and during exercise.

Their findings in patients with heart disease were dramatic. Many had a low cardiac output at rest, and a rate which hardly rose at all during fairly heavy exercise. The increased oxygen needed by the exercising muscles was obtained, Donald discovered, by extracting more oxygen from the circulating blood.

Donald considered it essential to make similar measurements during exercise in normal subjects, as a point of comparison. The idea of putting a catheter into a healthy person's heart was still frowned upon by most physicians at that time, but he was convinced that the operation was both feasible and ethical. The first catheterisation was carried out on Donald himself, as leader of the team, and, in all, 16 normal subjects were studied — all of the team and other close colleagues.

Donald's work confirmed that cardiac output increased during exercise in healthy subjects but, more importantly, that there were significant changes in the distribution of blood with the non-exercising parts. The liver and kidneys, for example, received less blood so that more should go to the exercising muscles (in athletes, exercising muscles can extract almost all of the oxygen delivered to them). Donald was awarded a DSc for his work.

In 1959 he was appointed Professor of Medicine at the University of Edinburgh and by 1962 had opened a new department of medicine in the Royal Infirmary. New NHS consultant physicians were offered sessional attachments to the academic department. Donald was appointed Physician to the Queen in 1967.

He left the medical school at Edinburgh in 1976 on a sound course with an evolving medical curriculum and a strong research base. In retirement he and his wife Rethe, who survives him, settled at Cloddiau, in the Welsh countryside, where he developed his considerable skills with the fly rod.

THE REV JOHN CALVIN-THOMAS

The Rev John Calvin-Thomas, former Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Wales, died in Cardiff on July 30 aged 82. He was born on January 23, 1912.



JOHN CALVIN-THOMAS was one of the last of the firebrand chapel preachers who used to put the fear of God into their congregations.

With his deep Welsh voice he would lecture elderly ladies from the pulpit on a Sunday morning about the perils of young girls wearing mini-skirts, while to men he would dwell on the horrors that beset people who took to alcohol. He frequently attracted publicity in the press with his outspoken comments about abortion and sex before marriage. Nevertheless he remained a highly popular figure with a keen sense of humour.

A minister in the Presbyterian Church in Wales, of which he eventually became Moderator, he first gained renown as a forceful preacher in his twenties and later held long pastorates at Talgarth, Tredegar and Llandudno before retiring to Cardiff where he undertook "oversight" of Treliill Presbyterian Church in St Nicholas for some years.

He was a man of formidable energy and a keen motorist. For many years he furiously drove an Austin Mini as he discharged his pastoral responsibilities, and came to be known to the the press as "the flying parson". He was the eldest of a family of eight children, and one of his five brothers is the broadcaster and comedian Wyn Calvin.

John Calvin-Thomas is survived by his wife Hilda, whom he married in 1949, and by one daughter.

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Augustine Williams	Michael Aldridge

Produced by Denis Carey

Theatrical taste is always making sudden inexplicable turns, and at the moment it appears to set a higher value than ever before on the display of youthful high spirits. Here is a musical frolic frankly taking its inspiration from the undergraduate stage. It comes from the Bristol Old Vic, and it is produced by Mr. Denis Carey in such a carefully casual way that his professional actors might well be mistaken for eager amateurs who have not yet had time to acquire much technique. Every audience is bound to include some who have been left behind by the latest movement of taste. The minority in this instance, uncomfortably aware of this isolation, may be inclined to mutter something querulous about "a cloud of pinafores" or a plague of short gowns having descended on to the West End stage. Having indulged their churlish inclinations they can do nothing but recognize the turn current taste has taken and make the best of it. The pencil of a deft draughtsman can fill a lively page with the record of some simple joke spreading through the world, gathering impetus as it goes, affecting all and sundry and eventually altering the very shape of things, as the staid church tower unbends and the face of its clock bursts into a rapturous smile. Miss Dorothy Reynolds and Mr. Julian Slade try to apply this form of pictorial humour to the stage. Their simple little joke is a magic street piano which sets everybody dancing, the ragamuffin, the bishop, the policeman, and even the puritanical minister whose political slogan is that the people must not be let dance. This gay transfiguration of Hyde Park duly takes place, but somehow the joke refuses to spread itself through the world. It merely repeats itself several times; and between whiles we see some eager but not particularly pointed revue scenes. There is the fashionable lady undergoing savage beauty treatment while she whispers honeyed nothings into a telephone. There are the diplomats whose work is so secret that a preference for two lumps of sugar in a cup of tea must be whispered conspiratorially. There is the night club entertainer who divertingly uses two pairs of arms. There is a space man who lands in Hyde Park in a flying saucer. The jokes are like all undergraduate jokes, sometimes witty and sometimes, especially when puns are used, really terrible. The dancing is spirited. The music is always tuneful and achieves in one or two of the love songs a haunting refrain. The cast, all except Miss Eleanor Drew and Mr. John Warner, the happy-go-lucky pair of lovers, appear in several parts. These add something to each part; but with the rest it all seems the happiest of stage "larks." If taste holds its course the lark should prove enormously popular.

ON THIS DAY

August 6 1954

Salad Days was received by a London first-night audience as "a deep and refreshing draught from the fountain of youth", and ran for 2,283 performances.

NEWS

Nato bombs Bosnian Serb forces

■ Nato aircraft bombed Serb targets in Bosnia-Herzegovina after the Serbs defied the United Nations by snatching heavy weapons, including a tank from a UN depot near Sarajevo.

Pentagon sources said that French Mirage jets and Dutch planes, part of a Nato force based in Italy, had dropped bombs and that American planes provided support. Two US A10s were reported to have taken part in the strike ..... Page 1, 13

Navy seizes British fishing nets

■ Britain's fishing dispute with Spain entered a new stage when fisheries inspectors on a Royal Navy vessel sent to the Bay of Biscay to protect Cornish trawlers boarded a British boat and seized its nets ..... Pages 1, 2

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An Oxford student disciplined for circulating a sexually explicit letter lost his appeal ..... Page 1

Palumbo setback

Lord Palumbo lost his High Court attempt to halt a legal action brought by two children from his first marriage over a family trust fund ..... Page 1

Kidnap charge bail

The woman accused of abducting Abbie Humphries was freed on bail on condition that she does not attempt to contact the baby's parents ..... Page 3

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A Cornish tin miner turned entrepreneur brought in the vital foreign funds needed to save Britain's last working tin mine ..... Page 8

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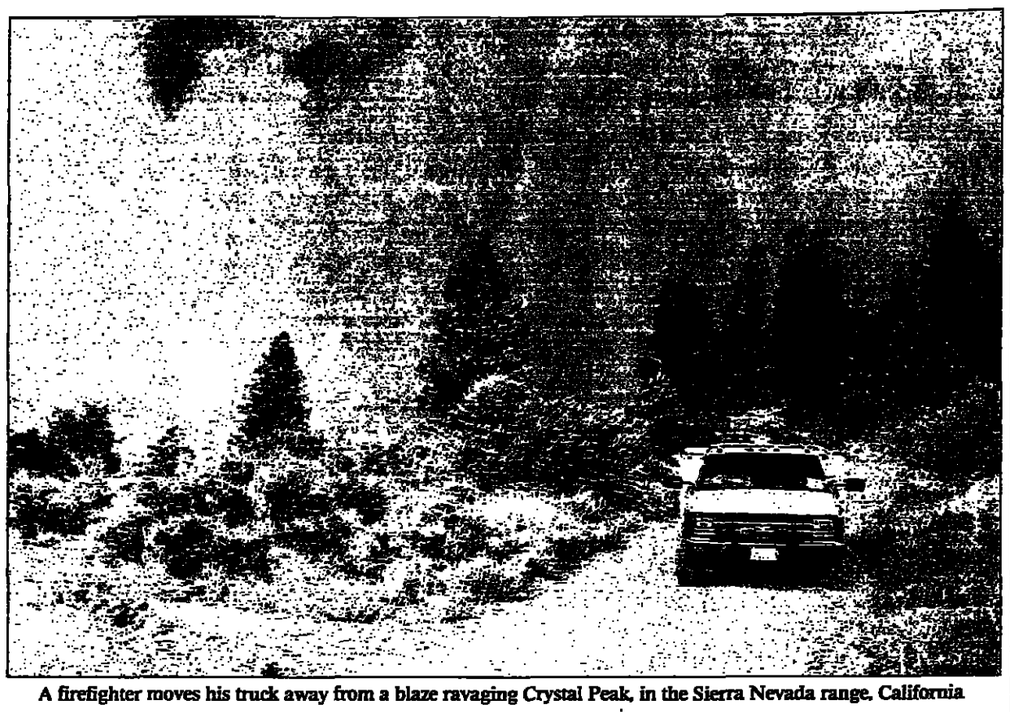
Italian magistrates are working on an investigation that could bring down Berlusconi ..... Page 11

Honeymoon over

Labour unrest has been greeted by the South African media as the end of the honeymoon for the government ..... Page 12

Three Graces saved at 11th hour

■ Canova's *Three Graces* seems likely to be saved for the nation following an intervention by the National Gallery of Scotland just as the deadline for the export licence application expired. Campaigners had raised £4.7 million of the £7.6 million needed to stop the sculpture going to the Getty Museum ..... Page 1



A firefighter moves his truck away from a blaze ravaging Crystal Peak, in the Sierra Nevada range, California

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— Washington Times

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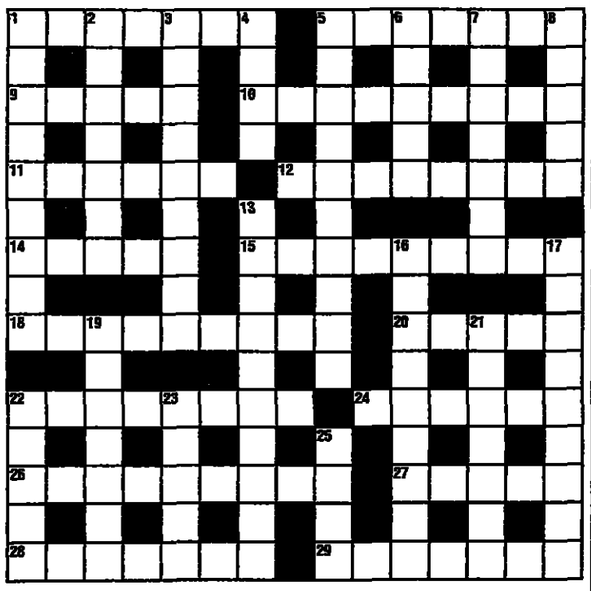
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A bottle of Knockando, a superb Speyside Single Malt Scotch whisky uniquely bottled only when at its peak of perfection rather than at a pre-determined age, together with a fine leather credit card wallet, will be given for the first five correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, PO Box 486, Virginia Street, London E1 9DD. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday.

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ACROSS

1 Regular soldier (7).
5 Violet Elizabeth came in first, soaked (7).
9 Heard spiteful gossip circulating about Head of Eton (5).
10 Fell low (5-4).
11 If lute gets broken, it's of no use (6).
12 Tall thin person provides support for runners (8).
14 A quiet little boy in a pinafore (5).
15 Fish put down as chips (9).
18 Exile has no right to go into detail (9).
20 Indian died for his beliefs (5).
22 Electric charge not accepted in a decentralised country (8).
24 Fish using force, by the sound of it (6).
26 Prepare a new schedule for train line (9).
27 Some of the cards, not all, endlessly shuffled (5).
28 Constant Lambert — a name associated with musical notes, in retrospect (7).
29 Unusual setting of garnets (7).

DOWN

1 Old stone may have come from here (3-2-4).
2 Tramp is a kind of boat (7).
3 Offer about mountain climbing in Mars (3,6).
4 Right in the middle of the old oxen (4).
5 Animals pass the world up — it's too unreliable (6,4).
6 Army man captured (5).
7 Pigeon seen in cave (4-3).
8 Not all of a sudden, seem stupid (5).
13 Infrequent social can get arranged after 1st of October (10).
16 Firm, an international concern, brought in to record meeting (9).
17 Embarrassed formerly about the French perfume (9).
19 Rifle ball takes a long time to produce (7).
21 One slip necessitates rewriting letter (7).
22 Sorceress left out of coterie (5).
23 Fool further advanced in speech (5).
25 The latest gathering of bridge players (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 19,608

A	R	T	E	M	I	S	■	J	A	C	K	P	O	T
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LAST WEEK'S WINNERS: *S G F Linton, Fleet, Hampshire; G Clayton, Marlow, Buckinghamshire; G Hall, Rise, Hull; N C Price, Eastbourne, Sussex; R S Harrigan, Warwick.*

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

TODAY

Sun rises: 5.31 am — Sun sets: 8.41 pm

Moon sets: 7.43 pm — Moon rises: 4.38 am

New moon tomorrow

London 8.41 pm to 5.31 am
Bristol 8.50 pm to 5.41 am
Edinburgh 9.10 pm to 5.26 am
Manchester 8.56 pm to 5.32 am
Penzance 8.58 pm to 5.58 am

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Manchester 8.56 pm to 5.33 am
Penzance 8.57 pm to 5.58 am

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	12.40	6.4	1.02	6.6
Aberdeen	12.28	4.0	12.55	4.0
Avonmouth	8.17	12.0	6.35	12.6
Belfast	10.15	3.0	10.28	3.4
Cardiff	6.04	11.30	6.21	11.77
Devonport	4.53	4.9	5.10	5.2
Dover	10.13	6.3	10.30	6.3
Falmouth	4.23	4.7	4.40	5.0
Glasgow	—	—	12.31	4.2
Harwich	11.00	3.6	11.23	3.8
Holyhead	9.32	5.1	9.47	5.4
Hull	5.26	6.84	5.54	6.82
Ilfracombe	5.07	8.25	5.23	8.62
King's Lynn	5.30	6.2	5.58	6.1
Leith	1.41	5.2	2.04	5.2
Liverpool	10.31	8.6	10.43	9.1
Lowestoft	8.37	2.8	9.15	2.3
Margate	11.12	4.5	11.43	4.5
Milford Haven	5.21	6.2	5.37	6.6
Newquay	4.13	6.3	4.31	6.6
Oban	5.13	3.6	5.30	3.8
Penzance	3.52	4.9	4.08	5.3
Portland	6.01	1.7	6.17	2.0
Portsmouth	10.35	4.5	10.43	4.5
Shoreham	10.23	5.8	10.34	5.9
Southampton	10.03	4.2	10.17	4.3
Swansea	4.21	8.1	4.40	8.4
Tees	2.42	4.9	3.08	5.0
Wilton-on-Ntze	10.59	4.0	11.20	4.0

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Thursday: Highest day temp: Cromer, Norfolk, 29C (84F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 15C (59F); highest rainfall: St Bees Head, Cumbria, 0.90in; highest sunshine: Tenby, Dyfed 11hrs

FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales will have some mist and patchy fog at first. There will be sunshine at times through the day and most places will stay dry. A scattering of showers is likely over southern England, the Midlands and possibly southeast Wales later. Northern Ireland will have a cloudy start with some mist. There will be sunshine at times later. Northwest Scotland will have a cloudy day but most places will be dry. Elsewhere in Scotland some sunshine is likely. Winds will be generally light but will freshen in the southeast later.

☐ **London, Central S England, E Midlands, W Midlands, Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales:** patchy fog clearing. Sunny spells. Scattered showers later. Wind northeast light. Max 20-23C (68-73F).

☐ **SE England, E Anglia:** sunny spells, scattered showers later. Wind northeast moderate becoming locally fresh. Max 21-23C (70-73F) but cooler near coasts.

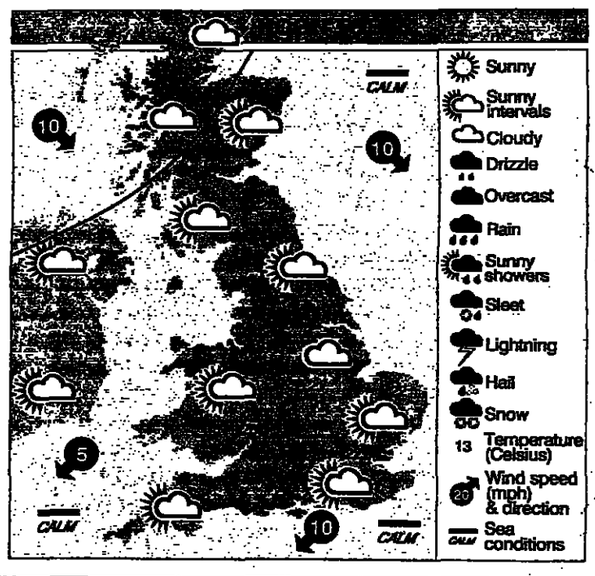
☐ **E England, N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Central N, NE England:** patchy mist and fog clearing. Sunshine at times. Wind north to northeast light to moderate. Max 19-21C (66-70F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth:** cloudy start, some sunshine later. Wind north to northwest moderate. Max 17-19C (63- 66f).

☐ **SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, N Ireland:** cloudy, misty start. Some sunshine later. Wind north to northeast light. Max 17-18C (63-64F).

☐ **NE Scotland, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** mostly dry. Cloudy but sun later. Wind west to northwest moderate. Max 14-16C (57-61F).

☐ **Outlook:** mostly dry.



AROUND BRITAIN

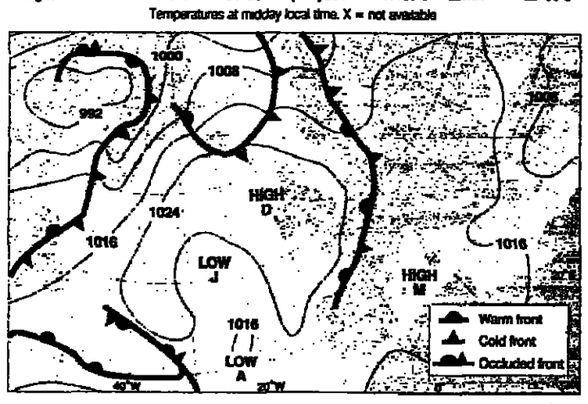
24 hrs to 6 pm: t=thunder; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain; h=hail; du=dull; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright; ds=dust storm

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	0.4	0.16	19	66	r	Liverpool	9.0	0.50	22	72	s
Anglesey	6.4	0.81	19	66	b	London	0.4	0.05	25	77	c
Aspatria	3.6	0.26	21	70	r	Lowestoft	3.3	0.13	26	79	r
Aviemore	1.5	0.37	20	68	sh	Manchester	5.8	0.04	25	77	c
Belfast	5.5	0.11	22	72	sh	Margate	3.8	0.07	27	81	t
Birmingham	1.0	0.35	22	72	r	Minehead	4.3	0.06	21	70	t
Bognor R	2.5	0.04	21	70	r	Morecambe	4.4	0.38	21	70	t
Bournem'th	3.0	-	21	70	c	Newcastle	6.7	0.51	25	77	b
Bristol	0.3	0.55	22	72	c	Newquay	6.0	-	22	72	b
Buxton	3.6	0.11	22	72	c	Norwich	3.5	0.46	28	82	r
Cardiff	2.8	0.07	21	70	c	Oxford	-	0.13	21	70	r
Colwyn Bay	9.5	0.69	23	73	s	Penzance	9.5	-	22	72	s
Cromer	3.1	0.16	29	84	sh	Plymouth	2.7	0.01	21	70	c
Doncaster	4.1	0.38	26	79	r	Poole	1.5	-	23	73	c
Dunbar	2.1	0.52	21	70	t	Prestatyn	X	0.57	24	75	s
Eastbourne	3.2	0.02	23	73	sh	Ross-o-wye	1.8	0.14	23	73	sh
Edinburgh	5.0	0.13	24	75	r	Ryde	2.7	0.01	24	76	sh
Eskdalemuir	2.0	0.61	19	66	r	Salcombe	3.6	0.01	21	70	c
Exmouth	2.0	0.01	21	70	c	Sandown	3.1	0.02	23	73	r
Falmouth	X	0.01	21	70	b	Saunton Snd	4.8	0.07	21	70	du
Fishguard	8.5	0.17	22	72	s	Scarboro'	4.1	-	24	75	t
Folkestone	4.3	0.01	27	81	sh	Shanklin	3.7	0.01	23	77	b
Glasgow	4.0	0.31	22	72	r	Shrewsbury	4.5	0.02	25	77	fg
Guernsey	3.5	-	22	72	c	Skegness	-	0.07	24	75	c
Hastings	3.6	0.03	23	73	t	Southport	7.9	0.33	21	70	s
Hayling I.	3.1	0.05	21	70	r	Southsea	2.6	-	23	73	b
Herne Bay	3.5	0.04	27	81	t	Stornoway	5.2	-	20	68	b
Hove	2.5	0.08	29	84	sh	Swanage	1.9	0.01	22	72	sh
Hunstanton	X	0.06	25	77	t	Teignmouth	3.4	0.20	21	70	c
Isle of Man	6.6	0.43	19	66	fg	Tenby	11.0	0.57	20	68	s
Jersey	2.4	-	24	75	c	Tiree	8.3	-	18	64	s
Kinloss	0.7	0.17	19	66	sh	Torquay	3.1	0.04	21	70	b
Leeds	4.6	0.14	24	75	b	Ventnor	3.7	0.01	21	70	b
Lauchars	2.5	0.09	20	68	c	Weymouth	2.2	0.01	20	68	t
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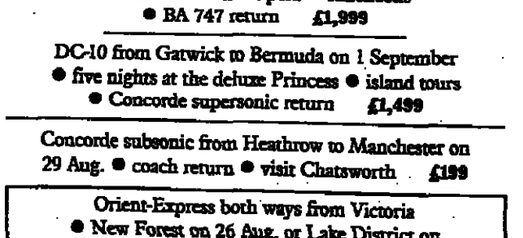
ABROAD

Ajaccio	32	90	s	C'phagn	27	81	s	Majorca	30	86	s
Akrotiri	28	82	s	Corfu	36	97	s	Malaga	28	82	f
Alex'dria	29	84	s	Dublin	16	61	c	Malta	32	90	s
Algiers	34	93	s	Dubrovnik	32	90	s	Melb'rne	12	54	s
Amst'dm	24	75	c	Faro	27	81	s	Madeo C	18	64	f
Athens	34	93	s	Florence	35	95	s	Miami	31	88	s
Bahrain	34	93	s	Frankfurt	34	93	s	Milan	34	93	s
Bangkok	32	90	f	Funchal	23	73	f	Montreal	27	81	c
Barbados	-	--		Geneva	32	90	s	Moscow	24	75	s
Barcelona	30	86	s	Gibraltar	25	77	f	Munich	32	90	s
Beirut	28	82	f	Helsinki	27	81	f	Nairobi	19	66	c
Belgrade	32	90	s	Hong K	29	84	f	Naples	35	95	s
Berlin	32	90	s	Innsbruck	31	88	s	N Delhi	33	91	f
Bermuda	31	88	s	Istanbul	30	86	s	N York	31	88	s
Biarritz	24	75	c	Jeddah	37	99	s	Nice	30	86	s
Borde'x	26	79	c	Jo'burg	16	61	f	Oslo	21	70	r
Brussels	20	68	t	L Palmas	24	75	f	Paris	28	82	s
Budapst	32	90	s	La Tquet	23	73	f	Peking	29	84	c
B Aires	17	63	s	Lisbon	26	77	s	Perth	14	57	s
Cairo	34	93	s	Locarno	29	84	s	Prague	32	90	s
Cape Tn	20	68	s	L Angels	22	72	s	Reykjavik	15	59	f
Chicago	26	79	f	Luxembg	32	90	s	Rhodes	30	86	s
Ch'church	-	--		Luxor	37	99	s	Rio de J	16	61	f
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Lord Forte, life president, amid the splendour of the Waldorf, one of the London hotels whose performance will boost Forte's interim profit

London lifts Forte to capital effort

By Susan Gilchrist

FORTE, Britain's biggest hotels group, is poised to deliver a strong rise in interim profits after an upturn in the London hotels market.

The group, headed by Rocco Forte, chairman, said trading at its hotels in the capital, which include the Waldorf, Grosvenor House and Hyde Park, had been particularly strong in the six months to the end of July, with occupancy close to the levels enjoyed in the peak years of 1988 and 1989.

Richard Power, Forte's communications director, said a substantial increase in commercial and overseas business had seen occupancy improve by 8 percentage points, while average room rates in London were 5 percentage points higher.

In the provinces, improving occupancy was offset by flat average room rates. The Post House chain performed well, while raising its prices for the first time in almost four years. Hotels in the north did better than those in the south. Forte's overseas hotel network was affected by continuing recession in some of its most important markets. The restaurant businesses was held back by refurbishment.

Analysts are forecasting interim pre-tax profits of about £55 million (£37 million).

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Oil and gas lead in strong output rise

By Janet Bush, economics correspondent

BRITAIN'S industrial production rose to record levels in June with surging oil and gas output compensating for a small manufacturing decline.

The Central Statistical Office said both overall production, which includes the North Sea, and manufacturing remain on a strong upward trend. Manufacturing fell 0.2 per cent compared with May but was still 4.4 per cent higher than a year ago. Taking the last three months against the previous three, regarded as a better guide to underlying trends, manufacturing was up by 1.3 per cent.

Overall industrial production, including energy and mining as well as manufacturing, rose by 0.3 per cent in May, a rise of 6.2 per cent compared with a year ago. This very strong performance was largely due to bumper production levels of oil and gas in the North Sea where a number of new fields have opened up. Oil production is now near to its 1980s peak in early 1986. Taking the three month comparison, industrial production was 2 per cent above the previous quarter.

Separate figures yesterday confirmed a picture of continuing economic recovery with company insolvencies down 10 per cent in the second quarter compared with the previous three months and personal insolvencies down by 2 per cent between the two periods.

Anthony Nelson, the Treasury minister, said yesterday, in response to the production figures, that Britain was now seeing broadly based growth and the "best possible combination of circumstances and prospects for the economy in a generation".

Richard Brown, deputy director-general of the British Chambers of Commerce, which released the insolvency figures, said that falling failures would have a positive knock-on effect on consumer confidence because of greater job security. However, he said: "We are still suffering one in fifty firms going to the wall every year and things remain difficult in certain sectors. The rise in the number of retailers going bust during the first quarter shows that we still have some way to go yet."

The Association of British Factors and Discounters said that the fall in insolvencies was welcome news for small businesses but that recovery in this sector remains slow and that continuing uncertainty about whether and when interest rates may rise is undermining confidence.

The breakdown of yesterday's industrial production figures was relatively healthy for the sustainability of the recovery with output of goods destined for consumers up by 0.5 per cent in the latest three months compared with the previous three, but goods produced for investment climbed faster with a rise of 1 per cent.

The small decline in manufacturing between May and June reflected weakness in the chemicals, metals and engineering industries. Andrew Cates, economist with UBS, said that train strikes may have caused a temporary fall back in June.

Offsetting these patches of weakness was evidence that firms who supply the construction industry, such as building materials manufacturers, are doing better. This suggests that construction, the sector which took the longest of all to start to recover, may now be on the mend.

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US jobs rise hits bonds

THE US Treasury bond market dived yesterday on learning that the growth in American non-farm jobs had been stronger than expected in July, strengthening the case for another interest rate rise from the US Federal Reserve.

July non-farm payrolls rose by 259,000. Despite the fact that this was far lower than the revised increase of 356,000 in June, July's figure was still much higher than the 200,000 jobs economists had expected and hit bonds. Long-dated Treasuries were trading more than a full point lower at midday in New York.

Analysts said the figure makes it more difficult for the Fed to decide on a further rise in US interest rates. Although the rate of job creation appears to be slowing, it remains robust. The next meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee, which decides on any change in interest rate policy, is on August 16.

Devonshire names join legal battle with Lloyd's

By Sarah Bagnall, insurance correspondent

MORE than 1,100 Lloyd's names on the loss-making Devonshire syndicates have fired writs at a series of Lloyd's agents in their fight to recover insurance losses of £173 million.

The names, whose losses emanate from the Lloyd's reinsurance spiral and have lost an average of £140,000 each, are also demanding an indemnity against future losses. The Devonshire names are among the 17,000 who are besieging the High Court with legal actions against Lloyd's agents.

Alan Porter, chairman of the Devonshire Names Action Group, said: "Our case is very similar to the Gooda Walker case that has just been heard in the High Court by Mr Justice Phillips."

The Gooda Walker action, reputed to involve the largest number of individual plaintiffs and defendants in English legal history, ended in the High Court last month. Over the course of three months, the judge heard claims that the names were victims of negligence and that the underwriters were guilty of "incompetence on a spectacular scale" and that they had been "gambling in a reckless way" with names' homes and businesses. A judgment is expected in the autumn.

The Devonshire action group is the last of the big four spiral action groups to issue writs. Mr Porter said this was because the Devonshire problems had emerged relatively late and that a loss review report into the background surrounding the losses had only been completed in July last year. Lloyd's attempt to bring about an out-of-court resolution of the mass of litigations swamping the insurance market delayed plans further. Out of a total of 1,900 names on Devonshire syndicates 216 and 833, 1,140 are suing the Devonshire Underwriting Agencies and the 42 members' agents responsible for placing names on the loss-making syndicates. The total losses incurred by the 1,900 names is £264 million, but the figure is expected to grow to at least £400 million as claims feed through.

Mr Porter said he expected the Gooda Walker Action Group's case, which awaits judgment, to set precedents that could be used to settle the remaining spiral cases without recourse to the courts. He said: "It would be nothing short of a scandal if the E&O underwriters (errors and omissions insurers) sought needlessly to prolong the battle knowing that the litigating names were effectively paying for the legal costs of both sides." Under Lloyd's terms of contract, litigating names bear their own costs and those of their defendants, the E&O underwriters who insure the members' agents.

This latest round of writs coincides with a suggestion from Lloyd's that a further attempt to settle out of court was possible. Market insiders believe this is likely to be restricted to the spiral cases, leaving the long-tail action groups, whose members' losses emanate from pollution and asbestosis claims, to set a legal precedent before any move is made on their account. Merrett 418/417 is the first long-tail action group due in court, in March 1995.

Mr Porter said members had the resolve and resources to fight "to the bitter end".

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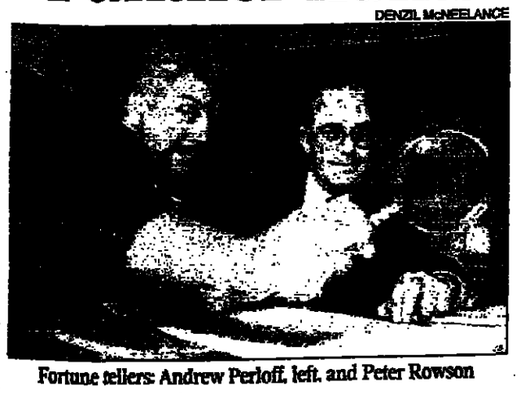


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Panther hunts its forgetful shareholders



DENZIL McNEELANCE

Fortune tellers: Andrew Perloff, left, and Peter Rowson

By Liz Dolan

WANTED: missing shareholders in Panther Securities. If anyone can lay claim to a dusty share certificate in this company, contact the registrars, where they may learn something to their advantage.

Panther, the recently floated property company, is keen to track down a handful of elderly investors who may be unaware they are sitting on tens of thousands of pounds following the phenomenal performance of the shares.

The hunt began when a senior partner in an accountancy firm arrived at Panther's annual general meeting last month to discover the value of his small, and previously disregarded, shareholding had swollen to £29,998. The investor, does not want his name revealed for fear of looking foolish. Andrew Perloff, Panther's managing director, said: "He nearly fell off his chair."

Together with Peter Rowson, the company secretary, Mr Perloff is now seeking other investors in the same happy position. Over the past week, they have flushed out Reggie Lever, the founder's son, who disappeared to the US some 15 years earlier after paying £100 or so for 400 shares. He was astounded to discover that they are now worth £11,000.

The directors are particularly keen to unearth a certain Mr Neal, who once lived in Peterborough. The right Mr Neal will be told that the value of his shareholding has soared from virtually nothing to £40,000. Five other shareholders are sitting on holdings worth £7-13,000. Anyone who thinks they have shares should ring Independent, its registrar on (071) 278 8011.

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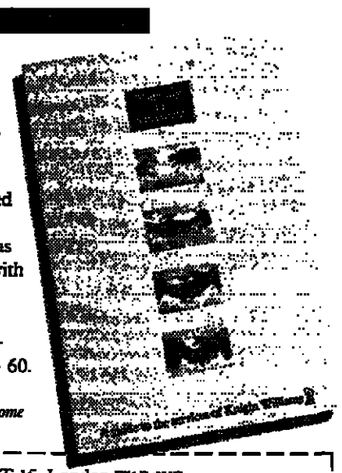
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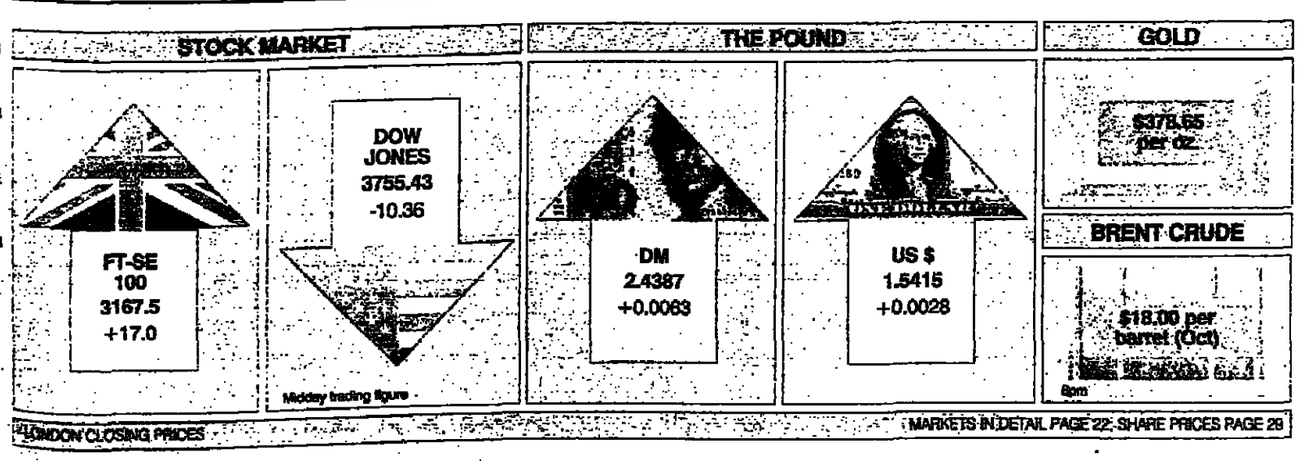
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Death wish of the life assurance industry

It is all of two weeks, having taken a short break, since I penned a few words about those who peddle financial products such as life assurance and pensions. Such words coincided with the Personal Investment Authority, the new watchdog designed to protect the private investor, actually getting up from its bed and walking: a bureaucratic miracle which has taken a little more than two years to achieve.

As I pointed out, news that the PIA is finally operational coincided with the clatter of skeletons. News, courtesy of a leaked Lautro memo, broke that the Prudential, led by chief executive Mick Newmarch, has been under investigation since last April over its procedures for selling personal pension plans.

Hard on the heels of such developments came news that Nationwide, the UK's second largest building society, has been forced to bar its 1,300 authorised financial services staff from giving financial advice to customers pending completion of a retraining programme. And, just for good measure, word followed that Barclays Bank's offshoot, Barclays Life, has been censured by the Securities and Investments Board for shortcomings in the training and management of its 1,100 sales force. Exit Ken Bignall, chairman of Barclays Life, as a director of the PIA which, as he put it, must be "administered by people who are beyond reproach". It would be impolite to suggest that much the same could be said for those who administer Barclays Life so I will not dwell on this. In the event, several heads, albeit not Bignall's, are understood to have rolled.

That, give or take, was the state of play a fortnight ago in an industry which clearly harbours something akin to a commercial death wish. But, no sooner do I attempt to turn my jaundiced eyes towards the sun, than a host of headlines combine to give the impression that the purveyors of such incidentals as pensions and life assurance are committed to their own version of *Death Wish II*.

First came word that Royal Insurance's 1,000 strong sales force was to sit examinations in order to assess their professional competence. Comes in handy, professional competence, particularly if you are a purveyor of life assurance policies. Such action came in the wake of Lautro's visitation to Royal last May. The directive from Lautro (currently being absorbed, along with Fimbra, into the PIA) was that Royal should reassess its sales force and strengthen its supervisory programmes. Don Shore, deputy managing director of Royal Life, declared: "They wanted us to get an up to date knowledge of the strengths and weaknesses of the sales force." He stressed that there had been no suggestion of aggressive or misleading sales practices.

Amid all this the National Consumer Council, chaired by Lady Wilcox, produced a publication entitled *Consumer Concerns 1994* which highlighted the "con-



MELVYN MARCKUS

sumer view of personal financial services". The consumer view, based on a MORI survey, is that a chasm exists between the type of advice consumers actually want and the type provided by the financial services industry. Almost nine out of ten consumers thought it was important that financial advice should be independent, while more than half thought it was difficult to obtain such advice. Only one in five thought the information provided about financial services was clear and easy to understand, while more than half thought such information was difficult to understand. Lady Wilcox criticised the "meaningless marketing material" and "high pressure sales tactics" which consumers are often subjected to.

Shortly afterwards the Norwich Union, recently fined £300,000 by Lautro, let it be known that it had decided to switch the basis of remuneration for its life and pensions sales agents from commission to salaries. Not, however, a complete switch. Instead of being paid entirely by commission, agents will receive a basic annual salary of £12,000 plus commission. A significant reduction in the sales force will see Norwich Union's branch offices almost halved from 25 to 13.

Enter Andrew Large, chairman of SIB, who is focusing on the plight of some 400,000 individuals who are believed to have received "inadequate advice" in respect of personal pension plans. Expectations were that SIB would publish guidelines as to how this particular injustice should be remedied by the end of the month. Not so. SIB's directives will not be available until October. It would appear that although SIB has made some progress in devising compensation arrangements, several "sensitive issues" concerning the relative responsibilities of life companies and independent financial advisers have yet to be resolved. There lies a tale. Nor, we learn, has SIB decided whether to publish the findings of the two research projects which it commissioned on the pensions industry. Why should SIB be opposed to disclosure? Hardly a case of publish and be damned. Most certainly, SIB will be damned if it doesn't publish.

Meanwhile the PIA, spearheaded by chief executive Colette Bowe, is intent on forcing financial advisers to make clear to potential clients whether the advice they impart is "independent" or merely relates to a particular company's range of products. Ms Bowe wants banks and building societies to place signs to this effect in their retail outlets — a requirement which seems eminently fair and sensible. Printed advertisements will require similar disclosure and plans are afoot to extend such rules to broadcast advertisement material. But, would you believe it, certain banks and building societies are strongly resisting. I think I have the solution. Any institution which refuses to support the PIA on this count should be fined and not only forced to hang up the said sign but also a framed copy of Bernard Levin's article in yesterday's edition of *The Times* entitled *Only Public Shaming Will Do*. If you missed it, read it. I quote: "And those shysters — shysters, I repeat, who were not actually breaking the law — were able to please their employers mightily, those employers who told their salesmen to "Sell! Sell! Sell!", and who were "household names and a byword for financial solidity and probity". Got the flavour?

The Halifax plans to buy BNP mortgages

By Robert Miller

THE Halifax, Britain's largest building society, with mortgage assets of £55 billion, yesterday announced it had started negotiations with Banque Nationale de Paris (BNP) to buy the company's UK centralised mortgage lending arm.

The proposed deal is being negotiated through the society's wholly owned Halifax Loans subsidiary, which currently administers £1.1 billion worth of mortgage business. The French bank's UK mortgage book is valued at about £1.5 billion.

By buying BNP's mortgage book, the Halifax would lift its overall share of the UK mortgage market in one go from its current level of 15.5 per cent to at least 16 per cent.

A spokeswoman for the Halifax, which this week became the top performing society in the annual major players table compiled by UBS, the broker, said: "We are looking for good quality mortgage assets and we want to increase our market share."

Recent economic indicators from banks and building societies have painted a picture of stagnation in the housing market and lenders have been searching for new ways of increasing their market share.

The demand for fixed-rate mortgages has fallen off since the beginning of the year as interest rates have risen. Such mortgages do not generate as much income for lenders as variable rate loans.

This week, Nationwide, the UK's second largest society, announced it had bought a mortgage book of 940 mortgages worth £70 million from Lehman Brothers, the US bank, for an undisclosed price. In February, Abbey National acquired the UK residential mortgage operation of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce.

Last year, Birmingham Midshires Building Society bought a mortgage book from United Bank of Kuwait worth £75 million.

Commenting on the proposed BNP deal, John Wriglesworth, a building society analyst at UBS, said: "The BNP mortgage book has been touted round the market for some time now.

"Recently, it was the subject of negotiations with an Irish bank but those talks collapsed. The Halifax has already said that it not only wants to be the number one society but by a wide margin. Provided the quality of the BNP mortgage book is not too bad and the price is right, it is potentially a very sound acquisition."

PETER TRIEVNOR



John Bridgeman is seeing the benefits of British Alcan's cost-cutting programme over the past few years

UK Alcan returns to profit

By Colin Narbrough

BRITISH Alcan Aluminium, wholly-owned subsidiary of Alcan, the big Canadian aluminium group, bounced back to a pre-tax profit of £7.3 million in the first half, its first profit for four years.

Profit was achieved despite £4.1 million of restructuring costs. At the same stage last year, the company showed a pre-tax loss of £5.2 million.

Economic recovery in Britain and continental Europe, better prices for the primary metal, and record fabricated tonnage of 140.6 million kilometre tonnes, lifted turnover by £13.5 million to £394.6 million.

John Bridgeman, managing director, said the return to the black was "encouraging" and showed cost-cutting measures over the past few years were paying off.

UBS suffers 68% first-half slump

By Colin Narbrough, World Trade Correspondent

UNION Bank of Switzerland (UBS), one of the few banks in the world to hold a premier AAA credit rating, suffered the indignity of a 68 per cent fall in first-half trading profits due to the crash in world bond markets, after what it called a brilliant start to the year.

The bank, Switzerland's largest, made no secret of the fact that it had not been expecting the sustained reversal in the downward trend in interest rates that precipitated the plunge in the financial markets in February. The plunge caused the bank's net profits to tumble 27.9 per cent to Sfr929 million for the first half.

Because of the suddenly inhospitable market, UBS's trading operations contributed only Sfr499 million to total income in the first half, less than a third of their contribution in the first half last year. Earnings from bonds and interest-rate instruments trading showed the sharpest falls. A surge in bond yields and nervousness caused trading volume to decline in the second quarter. Trading income from foreign exchange, banknotes and precious metals also fell short of expectations, leaving equity trading as the only segment to produce "relatively satisfactory" results.

The trading profit fall was far worse than most analysts had expected, but some saw it as only a passing blow to UBS, whose underlying business appears in good health. No prolonged recovery will be needed from the reverse. The Swiss banks had been expected to show poorer results this year after last year's strong performance.

Call to open nomination of trustees

By Sara McConnell, Personal Finance Correspondent

MEMBERS of occupational pension schemes nominated as trustees should have the support of at least ten active members of the scheme or 10 per cent, whichever is less, Coopers & Lybrand, the accountant, said yesterday. Government proposals to allow existing trustees to nominate and select member trustees risked confining candidates to a "select" group, Coopers said.

Coopers was responding to a government consultative document on member-nominated trustees published to expand on proposals in June's White Paper on pension reform, which said that members would have a right to select at least a third of trustees, but did not set out appointment methods.

Panel intervenes in Great Southern bid

THE Takeover Panel has stopped the clock on the bid timetable for Great Southern Group, the British funeral services company that is fending off a £99.1 million hostile offer from Service Corporation International of America. The move by the panel follows the surprise announcement by Great Southern on Wednesday, day 43 of the bid, that it was in talks with a third party which could lead to a higher offer.

The emergence of a potential white knight at such a late stage in the bid surprised many in the City — not least those shareholders who had accepted the Service Corporation International offer — but the company refused to make any further comment. SCI, the American funerals group, earlier this week raised its offer for Great Southern to 680p from 600p per share, valuing the company at £99.1 million. The City believes that rival bidders could include Plantsbrook, the funeral company.

USAir proposal stalls

THE plan by the pilots of USAir to acquire 25 per cent of the company in exchange for wage concessions suffered a setback when the firm's management described the proposal as "undermined by serious flaws". But British Airways' American partner stopped short of a total rejection of a cuts-for-equity deal. BA ruled out an additional investment of $450 million which forms part of the proposal. The pilots have said they also want $700 million in shares in exchange for $750 million in wage cuts and other concessions.

British Steel ends pact

BRITISH Steel and Aga, the Swedish industrial gas group, have ended a shareholders' pact dating from the merger of BS and Avesta Stainless steel operations in 1992, which restricted the amount of shares in Avesta Sheffield, the merged company, each could buy or sell. NCC and Axel Johnson, the two other core shareholders, terminated their part of the agreement earlier. A BS spokesman said its decision left its 40 per cent stake in Avesta Sheffield unchanged.

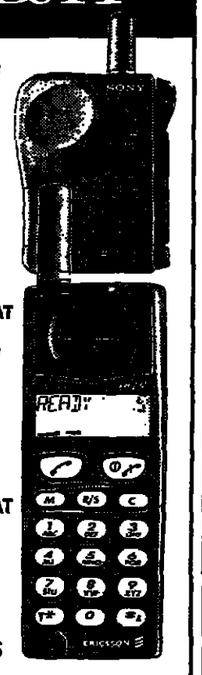
Bowthorpe expands

BOWTHORPE, the electrical equipment group, is paying £4.4 million cash for Bohlin Instruments, a specialist meter manufacturer. Bohlin, based in Cirencester, Gloucestershire, makes instruments to measure the flow and viscosity of liquids and semi-solids such as paint. It has sales offices in Germany and New Jersey. This is Bowthorpe's fourth acquisition in a year. The company is using some of the proceeds from a £64 million rights issue completed in January. Bowthorpe is looking for other acquisitions.

Partco buys from Carclo

PARTCO, the vehicle parts distributor, has made its first acquisition since being floated on the stock market in March. The company is buying Woodhead RSR, a distributor of replacement components for heavy commercial vehicles and public service vehicles, from Carclo Engineering Group for £2.4 million. In the year to March 31, Woodhead earned pre-tax profits of £173,000 on turnover of £19.5 million. Net assets being acquired were valued at £3.9 million at March 31.

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Lloyd's debt-chaser may pursue names in court

By Robert Miller

SOLICITORS appointed by Lloyd's of London, the insurance market, to help to recover millions of pounds in unpaid debts from thousands of names, gave warning yesterday that court action to pursue non-payers could not be ruled out.

Philip Holden, 28, a partner in Dibb Lupton Broomhead, the law firm, was appointed by Lloyd's this week to form a debt recovery plan with Peter Middleton, chief executive of Lloyd's, and Bernard Bradford, the former head of corporate recovery at National Westminster bank.

Mr Holden said: "Using the courts is an option open to us, but debt recovery can also be done in various other ways. I appreciate that the issue of Lloyd's names and the losses incurred is a very sensitive one. We have not decided yet whether we will interview individual names."

In recent years, Dibb Lupton Broomhead has worked on a succession of high-profile debt recovery cases including those of the Belling receivership, AF Budge, the construction company, Asil Nadir and Kevin Maxwell, son of the late Robert Maxwell. It was recently appointed adviser on a £1 billion contract to supply the Inland Revenue's information technology services and generates approximately 25 per cent of its £50 million fee income from banking and corporate debt recovery.



Holden: sensitive issue

Mr Holden, who is to begin work on the Lloyd's case on Monday, has been associated with the Members' Hardship Committee for the past year as an adviser.

Mr Holden said: "We want a fresh start and to proceed in a sensible and controlled manner. The size of the debt problem and how the monies can be recovered will become apparent when we begin work next week. We are due to report back to Lloyd's with a strategy in September. The can't-pay names must really look to the facilities available through the Hardship Committee. The won't-pay names are a different issue altogether."

Over the past four years, Lloyd's has reported losses of £7.5 billion and last year the insurance market "earmarked" more than £400 million from its central fund to meet unpaid debts.

The decision by Lloyd's to hire commercial debt collectors marks the start of a tough new campaign to collect money from names after the passing of the end-of-July deadline by which names were due to have paid up more than £1.5 billion as their shares of losses incurred in the insurance market.

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LLOYDS BANK: **Sir Brian Pitman and Sir Robin Ibbs**

Knights lead charge on deal of decade

Robert Miller meets the team that combines a thoroughbred among bankers with a former member of the Thatcher think-tank


ALAN WELLER

Checks and balances: Sir Robin, left, and Sir Brian draw on their varied experiences and different career backgrounds in their work for Lloyds

By this time next week, Sir Brian Pitman and Sir Robin Ibbs, the chief executive and chairman of Lloyds Bank, should be raising a well-earned glass or two in celebration at having pulled off one of the deals of the decade. Within a matter of days, Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society is expected to announce new terms for the proposed payout to more than a million of its savers and borrowers as part of Lloyds' £1.8 billion takeover bid.

The deal, which requires investor approval, must surely be the culmination of endless meetings and much deliberation? Not a bit, says Ibbs: "The initial discussion lasted about three minutes at most."

Pitman explains: "JP Morgan, the merchant bank, wrote to us and said that there is a building society which might be up for sale, are you interested? We didn't know which one."

Pitman went straight through the connecting door between his office and that of Ibbs and they agreed to express further interest. "You see, we have for years had this whole idea of screening prospects," says Pitman. "When we bought Abbey Life in 1988, we had already decided we were keen to expand into this area so we had screened prospects beforehand and even put down a list of possible companies. Since Robin became chairman we have done the same with building societies." Ibbs adds: "Fortune favours the prepared mind."

> Ibbs and Pitman have formed a close friendship and a genial working partnership

Pitman and Ibbs, who have known each other for nine years since the latter became a director of the bank in 1985, have very different work backgrounds. Pitman, who was knighted in June for services to banking, has spent most of his career at Lloyds. In that time, he has held various domestic and international posts in the bank, including spells in Europe and the United States. In short, he is steeped in banking lore. He is also credited with having steered Lloyds through the recession and bringing it out the other side in better shape than many of its competitors.

Last week Pitman was able to announce that in the first six months of this year Lloyds had produced pre-tax profits of £605 million, against £498 million for the same period last year. Bad debt provisions fell by £88 million to £184 million.

Pitman, some say, is a banking visionary. When rivals were just beginning to tackle their bad debt mountains, Pitman was planning his response to the price war in retail banking that he knew would start when the recession ended. He is also aware of the enormous ground that banks have to make up in winning back the hearts, as opposed to the bank balances, of customers. Bank bashing, after all, is a popular pastime.

Pitman believes that Lloyds has made "huge" (a popular word in his vocabulary) strides in addressing customer dissatisfaction. He says: "We look at the business very much branch by branch. We make incentive payments on an individual basis for improving customer satisfaction levels. If you do it on a regional or nationwide system it is always possible to say 'Well, such and such a branch has let us down'. Now, that is not possible, and it is a huge step forward."

Ibbs, who became chairman of Lloyds in February 1993, spent much of his career at ICI, the chemicals group. Then he took a completely different tack and in 1980 was seconded to the Cabinet Office as head of the Central Policy Review Staff — known more simply as the think-tank. In 1983, he moved even closer to the heart of government by becoming Margaret Thatcher's adviser on efficiency and effectiveness in government, as well as being a member of the Top Salaries Review Body. For good measure, Ibbs is also a qualified barrister and holds the honorary degree of doctor of science from Bradford University.

But Ibbs is discretion itself. He will not be drawn on his time at the centre of the Thatcher administration, saying merely that all his experiences, whether in science, manufacturing or government, are useful to him in his present role. To the surprise of many in the banking world, Ibbs and Pitman have formed a close friendship and a genial working partnership.

This is in contrast to the stiffly formal relationship that Pitman had with Sir Jeremy Morse, the former chairman of Lloyds. However, social contacts outside working hours are few, says Pitman. "My wife and I play a lot of golf. Robin doesn't."

The two meet at least twice a week on a formal basis and as often as is necessary otherwise. The connecting office door is always metaphorically open and Ibbs always sits in the same armchair in Pitman's office "out of habit".

Ibbs says of Pitman: "Without doubt, he has the most tremendous knowledge of banking all over the world. He knows what they are doing and why. He uses that knowledge in a creative way for Lloyds Bank."

Pitman is equally impressed by Ibbs. He says: "He has a forthright independence and he comes at things from a different angle. He comes from a scientific background with an analytical brain. Above all, he is not afraid to speak his mind and ask 'Why are you doing this?'."

Ibbs says: "It is Brian's job to run the bank and I look after the board's interests. It is certainly not my habit to breathe down his neck. I've spent quite a lot of time visiting branches and talking to people to get a background feel for the business. This is where the chemistry works between us."

Pitman adds: "It is a testimony to Robin's ability that even though our directors are very busy people with many other interests, we usually have a full house at board meetings. That wouldn't be the case unless there was great satisfaction in being there."

Of the two, Pitman appears at first to be the more forthcoming and open while Ibbs is prepared to take a back seat, although in private he is quite prepared to speak his mind if he disagrees with Pitman.

Pitman is courteous and charming and *is prepared to give questions his full consideration and an equally full answer. Ibbs is short, sharp and to the point. At the recent interim results press conference, Ibbs was asked whether successors to Pitman and Ibbs have been chosen, since both are in their 60s.*

Ibbs replied: "Succession planning! I am not sure that is actually a question. If you are asking do we do it? The answer is yes. [Laughter] Do we spend a lot of time on it? The answer again is yes. Is it going in a positive and constructive way? The answer is yes. May you now know the answer? The answer is no."

Pitman, who should have retired two years ago but is to stay on until 1996, is certainly not one for brooding. As far as he is concerned, the failed £3.6 billion Lloyds bid for Midland two years ago is firmly in the past. The C&G is the future and all looks rosy. He sees no culture clash between C&G, a mutual building society, and Lloyds. When the deal was originally announced in April, he said that both were "focused organisations, they believe in profitability rather than size. They believe that at the end of the day the only way you can make a profit is by excellent service."

But what if the bid should fall at the last hurdle? "Oh", says Pitman, "I think we're talking hypothetical here."

Electricity's mild shock

ELECTRICITY shares suffered a case of pre-exam jitters yesterday, when Offer, the electricity regulator, confirmed it would announce the results of its distribution review next Thursday. That should only be seen in the context of the phenomenal run in the sector in recent weeks. On Thursday it closed at an all-time high relative to the market.

Clearly, the market believes that Professor Stephen Littlechild, Offer's director-general, will give the regional electricity companies a relatively easy ride. The hints from Offer suggest it has softened the draconian line it took at the start of the review through several rounds of negotiation with the 12 regional electricity companies (RECs). Even so, the City is still expecting an average price cap of RPI-3, combined with a cut in PD, the element of the price formula that dictates the overall price, of 15 per cent.

That level of price cap would lead to an immediate cut in electricity bills of 7 per cent at the start of April next year. As a result, it would offset the imposition of the second tranche of VAT, and earn Professor Littlechild valuable political brownie points. It is a measure of the strength of the RECs' finances that such a price cap is still regarded as broadly favourable. It will slow, but not halt, the growth in the RECs' cash pile, which has reached £600 million, and ensure that they can continue to offer real dividend growth. Unless Professor Littlechild decides to be really stern, there is further upside in the RECs' share price once their destiny is clearer.

Forte

HOTEL managers know they are doing well when the first question asked by a guest changes from "How much is the room?" to "Do you have a room?" That switch from a buyer's to a seller's market took place in London in the first half of this year and Forte is reaping the reward. Occupancy rates have climbed 8 per cent to about the mid-80 per cent range, a level that is about as near capacity as can reasonably be achieved, allowing Forte to raise room rates by 5 per cent. The combined effect could boost Forte's yield per room by as much as 14 per cent.

Elsewhere, the going is slower and, in spite of a healthy boost to occupancy from business travellers, room rates fell, suggesting Forte's position is not strong enough to counter discounting pressures in the provinces, where hotel groups are still chasing volume. Forte needs a repeat of the London experience elsewhere and abroad to get its return on capital up from 5 per cent at the last year-end to acceptable levels. Recent manoeuvrings at the Savoy suggest Forte may be keen to increase its exposure to London but that institution's profitability makes Forte's returns look extravagant. Shareholders will be better off if Rocco Forte spends more money at Little Chef than at the Savoy Grill.

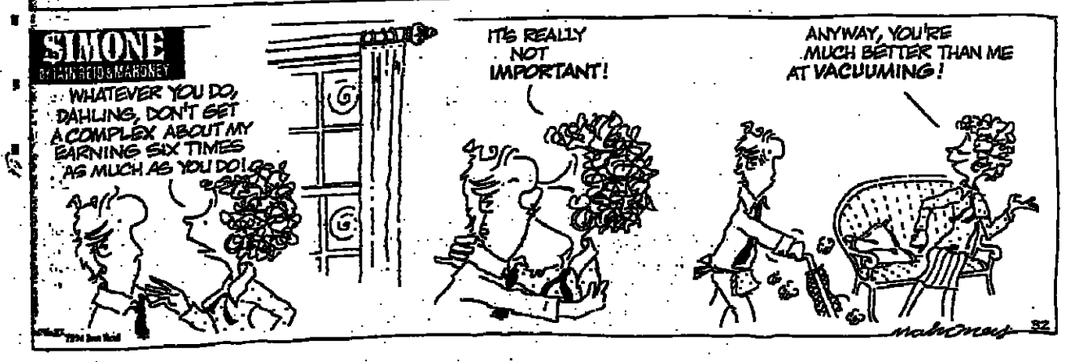
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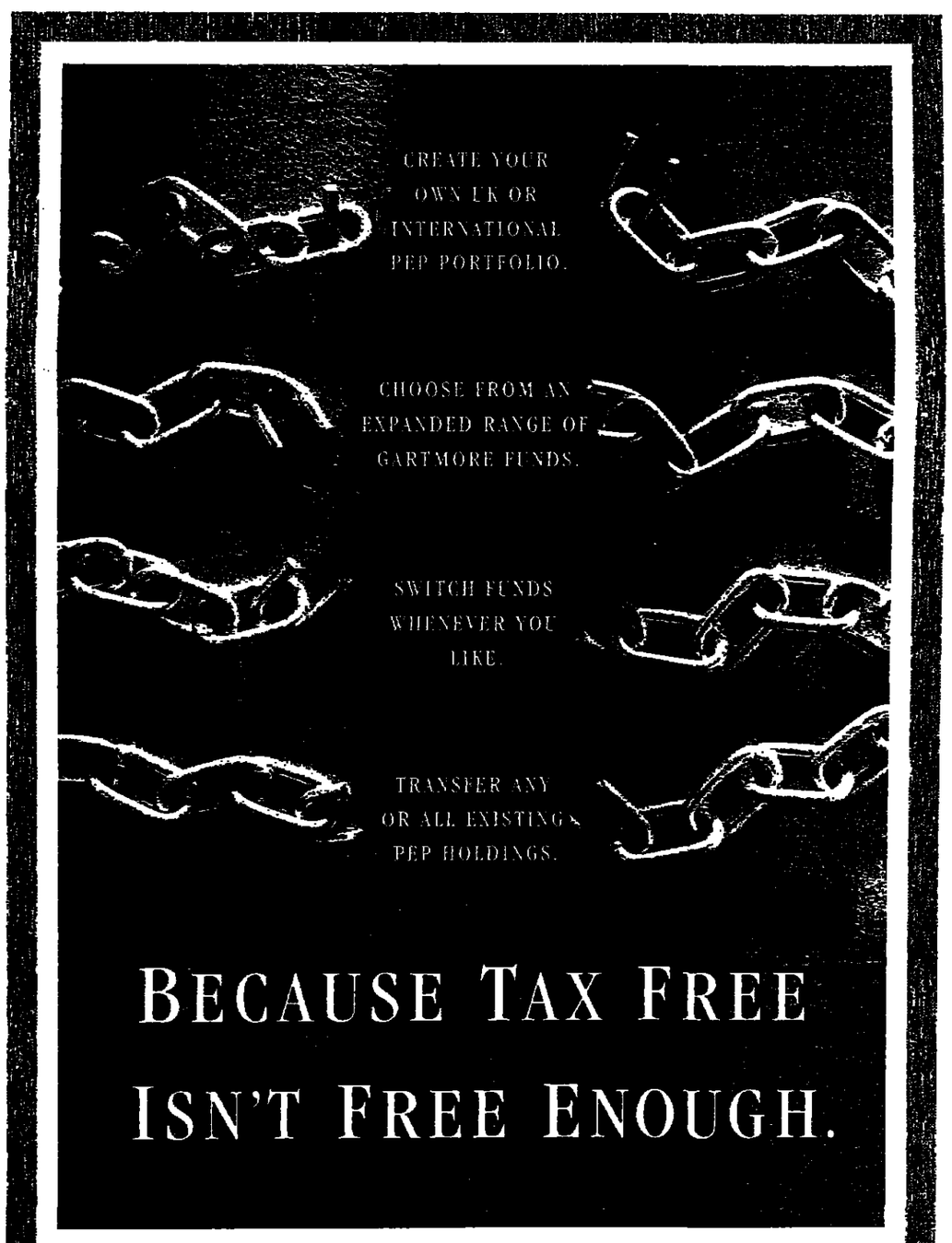
INVESTORS who backed Bowthorpe's £64 million rights issue at the start of the year could be forgiven for puzzling about the group's subsequent lack of takeover activity, particularly since its shares, at 317p, have drifted 3p below the rights price. The electrical group has now demonstrated it is still thinking acquisitively by paying £4.4 million for Bohlin Instruments.

Bohlin is a classic Bowthorpe business because it generates a high margin by manufacturing highly specialised flow meters. Bowthorpe's international manufacturing and sales resources should give the company access to a wider market, particularly in Asia-Pacific.

The deal will hardly dent Bowthorpe's pocket. The group's net cash is estimated to have risen above £25 million since the start of the year. Bowthorpe's appetite for deals remains undimmed, in spite of the recent dearth of activity and the shares could well recover their heady rating if the group manages to buy something for its fashionable and growing environmental testing operation.

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Rise in share price spoils picnic for Euro Disney bears

STOCK MARKET

THE market in **Euro Disney** shares was distorted as brokers reported a huge short position, which forced the shares 6p higher to 133p, giving a two-day gain of 13p, on a volume of 858,000 shares.

Short sellers, who had previously sold stock they did not own in the hope that it could be bought back later at a lower price, have been unable to deliver. Dealers said Euro Disney shares had been heavily shorted before and during the rights issue, which recently received an 80 per cent take-up.

The Stock Exchange was said to have issued several hundred buying-in notices to the market, whereby holders of Euro Disney shares are offered increasingly higher prices to part with their stock to settle bargains — at the expense of the party unable to deliver.

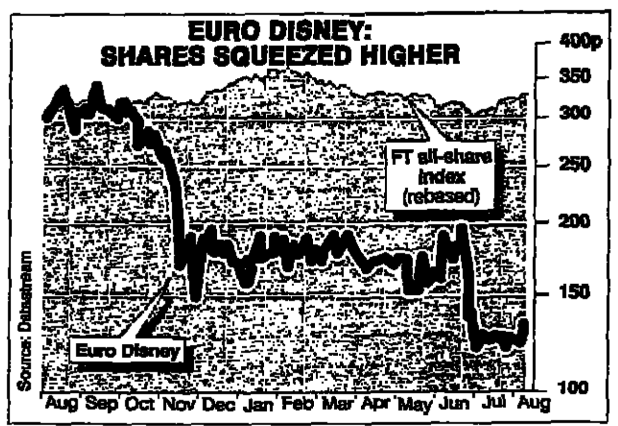
Elsewhere, a futures-inspired advance helped drag the cash market higher, bolstering equities, although prices were largely squeezed higher as there was an acute shortage of stock.

Shares reversed an early negative start and held on to gains, with institutions apparently willing to buy the market on an earnings and dividend basis.

Industrial production figures, showing an unexpected fall in June, reinforced London's steady undertone, as they supported the view that weaker than forecast production would help the case for a delayed rise in domestic interest rates.

In spite of a negative start on Wall Street in the wake of the July employment data, firmer futures and the stock shortage underpinned sentiment in late London trading. The FT-SE 100 index ended 17.0 points better at 3,167.5. Volume was thin at 579.8 million shares.

American demand helped **Bowater** add 9p to 470p, with the shares also boosted by news of a rise in paper and pulp prices and market speculation about a possible bid from **Hanson**, down 1½p to 262½p. **Hazlewood Foods** advanced 9p to 145p amid market talk that **Unigate**, up 15p at 380p, may be interested in the company. **Cadbury** was 11p stronger at 464p, helped as the hot weather boosted soft drink sales.



Among other takeover potentials, **United Biscuits** was unchanged at 336p, while **AB Foods** added 8p to 600p. Hopes of increased corporate bid activity boosted the merchant banks, with **Kleinwort Benson** 25p better at 522p, **Schroders** up 45p to £13.13 and **SG Warburg** 20p firmer at 783p.

Forte added ½p to 236p after a mixed trading statement indicated good progress in London during the first half, with hotels and restaurants showing steady growth, though conditions outside the UK remain tough. Both Hoare Govett and NatWest Securities, the brokers, reiterated their sell recommendations of the share amid concern about the pace of recovery and whether Forte's earnings growth can come up to expectations. Elsewhere, **Tomkins**, up 6p to 240p, was in demand after a visit by Goldman Sachs, the broker, but **BOC Group** slipped 11p to 754p as Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker, changed its stance on the stock from a "hold" to a "sell" and Kleinwort Benson advised clients to sell before the third-quarter results next week.

The power generators continued to shine, with **National Power** 12p higher at 474p and **PowerGen** up 14p to 566p, boosted by hopes of a favourable electricity prices review next week. The regional electricity distributors and water companies were also firmer.

GILT-EDGED: Government stocks opened lower in the wake of weaker US treasuries and the release of June's industrial production data. The US employment data pulled the market down, but a short squeeze helped stocks recover.

The September series of the long gilt future added 3 ticks to £102$^{10}/_{32}$, on volume of 66,000 contracts. Index-linked stocks fared best with gains stretching to £¾.

□ **NEW YORK:** US shares continued to trade lower, burdened by a decline in the bond market after July jobs data indicated a boisterous economy. At midday, the Dow Jones industrial average was down 10.36 points at 3,755.43. Declining issues led advancing shares by 13 to six.

PHILIP PANGALOS

MARKETS AT A GLANCE

THE POUND

US $ .... 1.5415 (+0.0028)
German mark .... 2.4387 (+0.0063)
Exchange index .... 79.4 (+0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 .... 3167.5 (+17.0)
Dow Jones .... 3755.43 (-10.36)*
Nikkei Avg .... 20521.70 (-155.14)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 5¼%
3-month Interbank 5⅝-5½%
US Federal Funds 4¼%*
3-month Treas Bills 4.46-4.45%*
Long Bond 7.52%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£:$	1.5420*	£:$	1.5421
$:DM	1.5809*	£:DM	2.4373
$:SWfr	1.3340*	£:SWfr	2.0578
$:Ffr	5.4123*	£:Ffr	8.3470
$:Yen	100.47*	£:Yen	154.91
£:SDR	1.0616	£:ECU	1.2718

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 378.60 .... PM 378.30
Close 378.40-378.90
New York
Comex 377.75-378.25*

OIL

Brent Crude .... $18.00 per bbl (Oct)

RETAIL PRICES

RPI 144.7 Jun (2.6%) Jan 1987=100
* Denotes midday trading price

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.21	2.01
Austria Sch	18.13	16.63
Belgium Fr	53.34	48.94
Canada $	2.234	2.074
Cyprus Cyp£	0.775	0.725
Denmark Kr	10.19	9.39
Finland Mkk	8.70	7.90
France Fr	8.79	8.09
Germany Dm	2.58	2.38
Greece Dr	380.00	355.00
Hong Kong $	12.50	11.50
Ireland Pt	1.07	0.99
Italy Lira	2525.00	2370.00
Japan Yen	169.00	152.00
Malta	0.610	0.555
Netherlds Gld	2.886	2.656
Norway Kr	11.23	10.43
Portugal Esc	259.00	240.50
S Africa Rd	REF.	5.50
Spain Pta	208.00	194.00
Sweden Kr	12.48	11.68
Switzerland Fr	2.19	2.01
Turkey Lira	REFER	46565.0
USA $	1.632	1.502

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

National Express drives into eastern Europe

By Colin Narbrough

NATIONAL Express, the scheduled inter-urban coach group, has ventured into the fast-changing market of eastern Europe with the launch yesterday of a pilot express coach network in Poland.

The pilot scheme for "Polski Express" is designed to serve the Polish domestic market and represents National Express's first move into this type of operation outside the UK.

The company's Euroline subsidiary operates coach services to other parts of Europe from London, and a London-Warsaw service has been in running for the past 18 months. These, however, are international services not aimed at domestic markets.

National Express, which in Britain buys in coach capacity from outside contractors, has in Poland invested £2.4 million in a pilot fleet of 21 high-specification Volvo coaches. The expansion to 400 coaches foreseen in the next two to three years would bring in Polish contractors' vehicles and drivers, with Polski Express providing marketing, organisation and livery.

John Major, the Prime Minister, visited Polski Express in Warsaw this week during his visit to Poland for the 50th anniversay of the Warsaw uprising against the German army. He was met by Chris Watts, technical manager of National Express.



John Major with Ewilina Kowalczyk, a Polski Express attendant, and Chris Watts

Colin Child, finance director of National Express, said that the company had chosen Poland because it has an economy with strong growth potential, enjoys a geographical hub position in the region, and has a more developed private sector than most other economies in the former Soviet bloc. Entry to developed western European markets was considered difficult, he said.

City forecasters expect National Express, which made a pre-tax profit of £9.3 million last year on £139 million turnover, to continue its growth path this year. Mr Child said that benefits of the British Rail strike to his company had been "relatively modest".

Adam Mills, National Express deputy chief executive, said that the Polish government welcomed the Polski Express initiative as an efficient way of improving public transport.

Poison pill bid defence by Unitrin

Unitrin, the US insurer, has adopted a "poison pill" defence in an effort to stave off a takeover bid by American General, the insurance group. The move could force American General to increase its original offer of $50.4 a share, or $2.6 billion. The bid is said to be worth as much as 27 per cent above Unitrin's share value.

The companies first met last January to discuss a merger, but Unitrin's board now wants to remain independent. The poison pill defence, designed to make any attempted buyout too expensive, is interpreted by some analysts as a way for Unitrin to buy time.

Ruberoid deal

Ruberoid, the waterproofing group, is taking control of Hyload, the construction sheeting business, for £6.6 million, paying £4.6 million for the 50 per cent of Hyload UK it does not already own and £1.96 million for Hyload US. Ruberoid expects a satisfactory year, but said bad weather and the slowness of recovery has hit profits.

Bullough buys

Bullough, the car jacks to heating group, is buying Trianco Group, the boilermaker, for £9.9 million.

WALL STREET

	Aug 5 midday	Aug 4 close
AMP Inc	74¼	74¼
AMR Corp	57½	57¼
AT & T	54¼	54⅝
Abbott Labs	27⅝	27⅝
Aetna Life	49⅝	50
Ahmanson (HF)	21¼	21
Air Prod & Chem	48⅝	49⅝
Albertson's	26⅝	26⅝
Alcan Alumnm	24⅝	25⅛
Alco Standard	61⅞	61⅞
Allied Signal	37	37⅛
Alum Co of Am	79	79⅝
Amax Gold Inc	6⅝	6⅝
Amerada Hess	52⅝	52
Amer Brands	34⅛	34⅛
Amer Cyanamid	90⅝	90
Amer El Power	30⅝	31
Amer Express	27⅝	27⅝
Amer Genl Corp	28⅝	28⅝
Amer Home Pr	58⅝	57
Amer Intl	91½	92⅝
Amer Stores	25⅝	26
Ameritech	41	41½
Amoco	58⅝	59⅝
Anheuser-Busch	52⅝	52⅝
Apple Computer	33⅝	33¼
Archer Daniels	24½	24¼
Armco	6	6
Armstrng Wrld	50⅝	51¼
Asarco	29⅝	30⅝
Ashland Oil	36⅝	36
Atl Richfield	105⅝	105⅝
Auto Data Pro	52⅝	52⅝
Avery Dennison	32⅝	33⅝
Avon Products	58⅝	58⅝
Baker Hughes	20	20⅝
Baldm Gas & El	22⅝	23⅝
Banc One	32⅝	33
BankAmerica	47⅝	47⅝
Bank of NY	32	32
Bankers Tr NY	68	68
Barnett Banks	44⅝	44⅝
Bausch & Lomb	36⅝	36
Baxter Intl	26⅝	26⅝
Bectn Dickinsn	42⅝	43⅝
Bell Atlantic	57⅝	58
BellSouth	61½	62⅝
Black & Decker	21½	21½
Block (H&R)	39⅝	39⅝
Boeing	45⅝	45⅝
Boise Cascade	26⅝	26⅝
Borden Inc	11½	11½
Bristol Myrs Sq	53⅝	53⅝
Browning Ferris	31	30⅝
Brunswick	22⅝	23⅝
Burlington Nthn	51½	52
CBS	313⅝	311½
CNA Financial	61½	62⅝
CPC Intl	50⅝	50⅝
CSX	77⅝	78⅝
Campbell Soup	37⅝	37⅝
Can Pacific	16⅝	16⅝
Cptl Cities ABC	77	76⅝
Carolina Pwr	26⅝	27
Caterpillar	105⅝	107⅝
Central & SW	21½	22
Champion Intl	34⅝	34⅝
Chase Manhat	35⅝	35⅝
Chemical Bk	37⅝	38
Chevron Corp	43⅝	42⅝
Chrysler	46	45⅝
Chubb Corp	73⅝	73⅝
Cigna Corp	66⅝	67⅝
Citicorp	41½	41½
Clorox	49⅝	49⅝
Coastal Corp	30⅝	31
Coca Cola	43⅝	43⅝
Colgate-Palmolive	52⅝	51½
Columbia Gas	28⅝	28⅝
Commonw Ed	22⅝	22⅝
Compaq Comp	33⅝	32⅝
Comp Ass Int	38⅝	39⅝
Conagra	31½	31½
Cons Edison	28⅝	29
Cons Nat Gas	38⅝	39⅝
Cons Rail	54⅝	55
Cooper Inds	38⅝	38⅝
Corning Inc	31½	31½
Crown Cork	35⅝	35⅝
Dana Corp	27	27
Dayton Hudson	82⅝	83⅝
Deere	68⅝	68⅝
Delta Air Lines	48⅝	48⅝
Deluxe Corp	28⅝	27⅝
Detroit Edison	26⅝	27⅝
Digital Equip	20⅝	20⅝
Dillard Dept St	31½	32⅝
Disney (Walt)	42⅝	42⅝
Dominion Res	37⅝	37⅝
Donelley (RR)	29⅝	29⅝
Dover Corp	58⅝	58⅝
Dow Chemical	70⅝	70⅝
Dow Jones	30⅝	30⅝
Dresser	21½	21½
Duke Power	39⅝	39⅝
Dun & Brdstreet	57⅝	58
Du Pont	60	59⅝
Eastman Kodak	48	48⅝
Eaton Corp	48⅝	48⅝
Emerson Elec	59⅝	60⅝

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Engelhard Corp	25⅝	24⅝
Enron Corp	31⅛	31½
Entergy	25⅝	26
Ethyl Corp	11½	11½
Exxon	59⅝	59⅝
FMC Corp	57½	57⅝
FPL Group	31½	31½
Federal Express	67⅝	67⅝
Fed Nat Mtge	85⅝	86
First Chicago	50⅝	50⅝
First Interstate	72⅝	73⅝
First Union Rlty	6⅝	6⅝
Fleet Finl Grp	36⅝	37⅝
Fluor Corp	52⅝	54
Ford Motor	29⅝	29⅝
GTE Corp	32⅝	32⅝
Gannett	50⅝	51⅝
Gap Inc Del	37⅝	37⅝
Gen Dynamics	38⅝	39⅝
Gen Electric	49⅝	48⅝
Gen Mills	50⅝	50
Gen Motors	50⅝	50⅝
Gen Reinsurance	111½	112⅝
Gen Signal	35⅝	35⅝
Genuine Parts	34⅝	34⅝
Georgia Pac	66⅝	67
Gillette	69	68⅝
Glaxo ADR	18⅝	18⅝
Goodrich (BF)	46	45⅝
Goodyear Tire	33⅝	33⅝
Grace (W&R)	40⅝	40⅝
Grt Atl Pac Tea	20⅝	20⅝
Great Wstn Fin	19⅝	19⅝
Halliburton	32⅝	31½
Harcourt General	35⅝	35⅝
Heinz (HJ)	35⅝	35⅝
Hercules	108⅝	109
Hershey Foods	43⅝	42⅝
Hewlett Packard	80	80⅝
Hilton Hotels	62⅝	62⅝
Home Depot	40⅝	40⅝
Homestake Mng	18⅝	18⅝
Honeywell	32	31½
Household Intl	33⅝	34⅝
Houston Inds	35⅝	36
Humana	18⅝	18⅝
ITT Corp	85⅝	86⅝
Illinois Tool	41	41½
Illinova	21	21½
INCO	27⅝	28
Ingersoll Rand	36⅝	36⅝
Inland Steel	40⅝	40⅝
Intel Corp	57⅝	57⅝
IBM	63	63½
Intl Flav & Fr	42⅝	42⅝
Intl Paper	74⅝	74⅝
James River Va	20⅝	21
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	48	48⅝
Kellogg	51½	51⅝
Kerr-McGee	49⅝	49⅝
Kimberly-Clark	58⅝	58⅝
Kmart	16⅝	16⅝
Knight-Ridder	53⅝	54⅝
Lilly (Eli)	49⅝	49⅝
Limited Inc	19⅝	18⅝
LIN Brdcstng	126	126
Lincoln Nat	37⅝	37⅝
Litton	37⅝	38
Liz Claiborne	21	21½
Lockheed	64⅝	64⅝
Louisiana Pac	32⅝	32⅝
MCI Comm	23⅝	23⅝
Marriott Int	26⅝	27⅝
Marsh & McLen	85⅝	85⅝
Masco Corp	25⅝	26
May Dept St	38⅝	38⅝
Maytag Corp	18⅝	18⅝
McCaw Cellular	52⅝	52⅝
McDonalds	26⅝	26⅝
McDonnell D	112⅝	112⅝
McGraw Hill	69⅝	70⅝
Mead Corp	46⅝	46⅝
Medtronic	85	85⅝
Mellon Bk	57	57⅝
Melville Corp	36⅝	36⅝
Merck Inc	29⅝	30
Merrill Lynch	36⅝	37⅝
Minnesota Mine	54½	53⅝
Mobil Corp	82⅝	82⅝
Monsanto	82⅝	83
Morgan (JP)	63⅝	63⅝
Motorola Inc	52⅝	52⅝
Natl Medical	18⅝	17⅝
Natl Semi	17⅝	17⅝
Natl Service Ind	26⅝	26⅝
Navistar Int	13⅝	14
NBD Bancorp	31½	32
NY Times A	24⅝	24⅝
Newmont Mng	39⅝	39⅝
Niag Mohawk	16⅝	16⅝
Nike B	63⅝	64⅝
NL Industries	10⅝	10⅝
Noram Energy	6⅝	6⅝
Nordstrom	41⅝	41½
Norfolk Sthrn	62½	63½
Nthn State Pwr	42⅝	43⅝
Norwest Corp	26	26⅝
Nynex Corp	39⅝	39
Occidental Pet	21	21
Ohio Edison	19⅝	19⅝

	Aug 5 midday	Aug 4 close
Oracle Systems	39⅝	[illegible]
Oryx Energy Co	15⅝	[illegible]
Owens Corning	34⅝	[illegible]
PNC Financial	[illegible]	[illegible]
PPG Industries	38⅝	[illegible]
Paccar Inc	49⅝	[illegible]
Pacificorp	17⅝	[illegible]
Pac Enterprises	20⅝	[illegible]
Pac Gas & Elec	24⅝	[illegible]
Pac Telesis	32⅝	[illegible]
Pall Corp	16⅝	[illegible]
Panhandle East	22⅝	[illegible]
Parker Hannifin	42⅝	[illegible]
Peco Energy	26⅝	[illegible]
Penney (JC)	49⅝	[illegible]
Pennzoil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pepsico	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pfizer	[illegible]	[illegible]
Phelps Dodge	[illegible]	[illegible]
Philip Morris	[illegible]	[illegible]
Phillips Pet	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pitney Bowes	[illegible]	[illegible]
Polaroid	[illegible]	[illegible]
PriceCostco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Procter & Gmbl	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pub Serv E & G	[illegible]	[illegible]
Quaker Oats	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ralston Purina	[illegible]	[illegible]
Raychem Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Raytheon	[illegible]	[illegible]
Reebok Intl	[illegible]	[illegible]
Reynolds Metals	[illegible]	[illegible]
Roadway Srvcs	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rockwell Intl	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rohm & Haas	64⅝	[illegible]
Royal Dutch	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rubbermaid	[illegible]	[illegible]
Safeco Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
St Paul's Cos	[illegible]	[illegible]
Salomon Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]
Santa Fe Pac	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sara Lee Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Seecorp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Schering Plough	[illegible]	[illegible]
Schlumberger	[illegible]	[illegible]
Scott Paper	60⅝	[illegible]
Seagram	30⅝	[illegible]
Sears Roebuck	46⅝	[illegible]
Shell Trans	68⅝	[illegible]
Sherwin Wllms	33⅝	[illegible]
Skyline Corp	19⅝	[illegible]
Snap-On-Tools	36⅝	[illegible]
Southern Co	19⅝	[illegible]
Sthwestern Bell	42	[illegible]
Sprint Corp	37⅝	[illegible]
Stanley Works	39⅝	[illegible]
Sun Company	27⅝	[illegible]
Sun Microsys	23⅝	[illegible]
Suntrust	46⅝	46⅝
Supervalu	27⅝	28
Syntex Corp	23	23
Sysco Corp	23⅝	23⅝
TRW Inc	70⅝	71⅝
TCC Inds	3⅝	3⅝
Tandem Comp	13⅝	14⅝
Tandy Corp	38⅝	38⅝
Teledyne	18⅝	18⅝
Temple Inland	50⅝	51⅝
Tenneco	48⅝	48
Texaco	62⅝	62⅝
Texas Instr	78⅝	78⅝
Texas Utilities	33⅝	33⅝
Textron	52⅝	53
Time Warner	36⅝	36⅝
Times-Mirror	30⅝	30⅝
Timken	36⅝	36⅝
Torchmark	39⅝	40⅝
Toys R Us	33⅝	33⅝
Transamerica	52	52⅝
Travelers	33⅝	33⅝
Tribune	51	51½
Tyco Labs	43⅝	43
UST Inc	29⅝	29⅝
UAL	99⅝	99⅝
USX Marathon	17⅝	17⅝
Unilever NV	110⅝	108⅝
Union Camp	48⅝	49
Union Carbide	31½	32
Union Pacific	57⅝	58⅝
Unisys Corp	8⅝	9
USAir Group	6⅝	6⅝
USF&G Corp	13⅝	13⅝
US Life	36	36⅝
US West	40⅝	40⅝
United Tech	61⅝	61⅝
Unocal Corp	28⅝	28⅝
Upjohn	33	32⅝
VF Corp	50⅝	50⅝
WMX Tech	28⅝	28⅝
Wal-Mart Stores	24⅝	24⅝
Warner-Lambert	74⅝	74⅝
Wells Fargo	155½	156⅝
Westinghouse El	11½	11½
Weyerhaeuser	42⅝	43
Whirlpool	49⅝	50⅝
Whitman	16	16⅝
Winn Dixie	45⅝	45⅝
Woolworth	15⅝	15⅝
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	41½	41½
Xerox	101½	102⅝

RECENT ISSUES

3I (272)	303½	+1½
Ball Giff Shn Npn Wts	86	-1
Carnell (18)	28	...
Emrg Mkts Country	53	...
Emrg Mkts Country Wts	36	+1
Exco (175)	197	...
Freeport Leisure	70	...
Ideal Hardware	281	...
JF Fledge Japan Wts	69	...
John Mansfield (3)	3¼	...
Magnum Power	35	-½
Old Mutual SA (100)	97	...
Old Mutual SA Wts	43½	...
Orbis (23)	29	...
Panther Securities (90)	93	...
Panther Wts	17	...
Petroceltic	39	...
Schroder Japan Gwth	95	-½
Schroder Japan Wts	51	-1
Scudder Latin Amer	91½	+½
Scudder Latin Amer Wts	43	...
Shires Hi-Yldg Smlr C (100)	99	...
Sth Country Homes	13	...
TR Euro Gwth Ptg Sb (100)	99½	...
Tops Estates Wts	34	...
VideoLogic	40½	...
Yates Bros Wine (140)	179	+11

RIGHTS ISSUES

BCE Hldgs n/p (8)	1½	...
Bolton n/p (15)	1½	...
CRT n/p (85)	9½	-1
Finelist n/p (120)	23	...
Freeport Leisure n/p	5	...
P & P n/p (60)	7	...
Prestwick n/p (24)	1	...
Surrey Group n/p (1¼)	¼	...
Waddington (J) n/p (190)	18	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
Kleinwort Benson .... 522P (+25p)
SG Warburg .... 783p (+20p)
Abbey .... 155p (+10p)
BPB Ind .... 347p (+12p)
Hewetson .... 82p (+14p)
Meyer Int .... 450p (+15p)
Inchcape .... 491p (+15p)
Alliders .... 229p (+12p)
Vendome .... 498p (+14p)
Delta .... 534p (+13p)
M & G .... 972p (+18p)
MAM .... 632p (+13p)
Broken Hill .... 940p (+14p)
Airtours .... 460p (+11p)
Pearson .... 643p (+10p)

FALLS:
Geest .... 248p (-7p)
Tate & Lyle .... 442p (-5p)
Glynwed .... 381p (-9p)
Reuters .... 485p (-10p)
Mirror Group .... 128p (-8p)
Quarto .... 272p (-10p)
Utd Newspapers .... 529p (-9p)

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FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	6,500	Caradon	722	Legal & Gn	1,000	Scot Power	1,400
Abbey Natl	3,500	Carlton Cms	402	Lloyds Bk	2,300	Sears	4,000
Alld-Lyons	1,600	Coats Vyla	1,600	MEPC	1,200	Svrn Trent	1,200
Argyll Gp	4,700	Cm Union	882	Marks Spr	5,200	Shell Trans	2,600
Arjo Wiggn	1,200	Courtaulds	342	NFC	3,200	Siebe	466
AB Foods	263	De La Rue	262	NatWst Bk	4,100	SmKl Bch	1,300
BAA	899	Eastern Elec	1,900	Nat Power	2,700	Smith Nph	2,400
BAT Inds	3,900	Enterpr Oil	752	Nth Wst W	1,500	Sthrn Elec	2,400
BOC	2,500	Forte	3,900	P & O	594	Std Chartd	4,500
BP	9,100	GKN	678	Pearson	742	Sun Allnce	1,000
BTR	3,300	GRE	3,200	PowerGen	2,800	TI Gp	2,300
BT	5,300	GUS	874	Prudential	2,300	TSB	2,600
Bk of Scot	766	Gen Acc	938	RMC	1,200	Tesco	5,100
Barclays	3,000	Gen Elec	4,400	RTZ	1,700	Thames W	993
Bass	1,500	Glaxo	2,400	Rank Org	3,500	Thm EMI	1,900
Blue Circle	2,100	Granada	1,900	Reckitt Col	1,000	Tomkins	9,100
Boots	1,800	Grand Met	4,200	Redland	2,000	Unilever	2,000
Bowater	1,800	Guinness	2,300	Reed Intl	1,000	Utd Bisc	1,400
Brit Aero	497	HSBC	1,900	Rentokil	603	Vodafone	8,700
Brit Airwys	2,300	Hanson	2,100	Reuters	2,000	Warburg (SG)	661
Brit Gas	7,100	ICI	1,400	Rolls Royce	4,500	Wellcome	1,400
Brit Steel	6,600	Inchcape	5,400	Ryl Ins	3,800	Whitbread	1,200
Burmah Cstl	668	Kingfisher	988	Ryl Bk Scot	3,700	Wlms Hld	886
Cable Wire	4,400	Ladbroke	2,900	Sainsbury	1,700	Wolseley	333
Cadbury	2,500	Land Secs	430	Scot & New	1,100	Zeneca	3,000

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3755.43 (-10.36)
S&P Composite .... 457.15 (-1.25)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 20521.70 (-155.14)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 9602.21 (-40.64)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index .... 419.67 (-0.12)

Sydney: AO .... 2091.9 (+8.5)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 2184.76 (+1.40)

FT 30 share: .... 2471.1 (+9.5)

Brussels:
General .... 7737.30 (-3.13)

Paris: CAC-40 .... 2107.07 (+10.62)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 670.70 (+0.10)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1584.61 (+7.76)
FT Non Financials .... 1714.38 (+7.66)
FT Gold Mines .... 232.9 (Same)
FT Fixed Interest .... 111.01 (-0.53)
FT Govt Secs .... 92.21 (-0.57)
Bargains 27879
SEAQ Volume 579.8m
USM (Datastrm) .... 157.92 (-0.01)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

Dealings From	Dealings To	Final Declaration	For Settlement
July 25	August 5	October 27	November 10

Call options were taken out on 5/8/94: Aran Energy, Crossroads Oil, Plantsbrook, Premier Cons, Shoprite, Tullow Oil.

Put: Crossroads Oil.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 (Previous open interest: 59393)	Sep 94	3151.0	3192.0	3147.0	3183.0	13033
	Dec 94	3196.0	3196.0	3196.0	3196.0	200
Three Month Sterling (Previous open interest: 539241)	Sep 94	94.12	94.14	94.05	94.11	15697
	Dec 94	93.33	93.37	93.25	93.34	29092
	Mar 95	92.73	92.78	92.64	92.76	6792
Three Mth Eurodollar (Previous open interest: 7006)	Sep 94	94.96	94.96	94.84	94.82	45
	Dec 94				94.11	0
Three Mth Euro DM (Previous open interest: 791650)	Sep 94	95.10	95.11	95.07	95.07	19134
	Dec 94	94.96	94.99	94.94	94.97	46476
Long Gilt (Previous open interest: 119226)	Sep 94	102-06	102-18	101-14	102-10	66669
	Dec 94				101-26	0
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 94	107.80	107.87	107.67	107.69	2869
	Dec 94	106.90	106.93	106.76	106.78	559
German Gov Bd Bund (Previous open interest: 186247)	Sep 94	93.50	93.60	93.23	93.41	110923
	Dec 94	92.81	92.88	92.66	92.71	2072
German Gov Bd Bobl (Previous open interest: 76)	Sep 94				98.18	0
	Dec 94					0
Three month ECU (Previous open interest: 25399)	Sep 94	93.94	93.95	93.88	93.93	990
	Dec 94	93.73	93.73	93.68	93.72	550
Euro Swiss Franc (Previous open interest: 48989)	Sep 94	95.66	95.69	95.63	95.63	2541
	Dec 94	95.52	95.56	95.50	95.52	2609
Italian Govmt Bond (Previous open interest: 85186)	Sep 94	103.09	103.25	102.61	103.00	25437
	Dec 94	101.76	101.90	101.60	101.80	45

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 79.4 (day's range 79.4-79.5).

Mkt Rates for Aug 5	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7366-2.7448	2.7397-2.7431	¼pr-par	½-¼pr
Brussels	50.15-50.31	50.17-50.28	2-1pr	9-3pr
Copenhagen	9.5860-9.6350	9.5950-9.6100	¼-¼pr	¾-1¾ds
Dublin	1.0120-1.0155	1.0123-1.0151	2-5ds	5-10ds
Frankfurt	2.4357-2.4430	2.4357-2.4389	¼pr-par	¾-¼pr
Lisbon	247.53-248.93	247.73-248.36	121-138ds	346-383ds
Madrid	200.32-201.08	200.53-200.82	45-54ds	108-125ds
Milan	2429.40-2440.40	2432.30-2436.30	6-7ds	17-19ds
Montreal	2.1272-2.1418	2.1388-2.1418	0.03-0.14ds	0.02-0.17ds
New York	1.5350-1.5426	1.5416-1.5426	0.10-0.08pr	0.34-0.29pr
Oslo	10.6520-10.7130	10.6970-10.7130	½-¼pr	1½-¾pr
Paris	8.3350-8.3650	8.3400-8.3540	½-¼ds	¼-¾pr
Stockholm	11.9110-11.9930	11.9690-11.9930	1¾-2½ds	5-5⅞ds
Tokyo	154.62-155.04	154.77-155.04	½-¾pr	1¾-1½pr
Vienna	17.13-17.20	17.17-17.20	1-¾pr	4½-2¾ds
Zurich	2.0540-2.0632	2.0563-2.0593	¼-¼pr	¾-½pr

Source: Extel   Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

Argentina peso*	1.5374-1.5400
Australia dollar	2.0761-2.0781
Bahrain dinar	0.5730-0.5850
Brazil real*	1.4064-1.4105
Cyprus pound	0.7340-0.7440
Finland markka	7.9845-8.1005
Greece drachma	364.75-371.75
Hong Kong dollar	11.8939-11.9024
India rupee	47.70-48.66
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4530-0.4630
Malaysia ringgit	3.9624-3.9665
Mexico peso	5.12-5.22
New Zealand dollar	2.5455-2.5513
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.6970-5.8230
Singapore dollar	2.3202-2.3225
S Africa rand (fin)	7.0133-7.0642
S Africa rand (com)	5.5814-5.5877
U A E dirham	5.5780-5.7020

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

Australia	1.3486-1.3495
Austria	11.14-11.15
Belgium (Com)	32.57-32.59
Canada	1.3864-1.3869
Denmark	6.2275-6.2330
France	5.4150-5.4170
Germany	1.5813-1.5823
Hong Kong	7.7258-7.7263
Ireland	1.5261-1.5281
Italy	1578.35-1578.98
Japan	100.40-100.50
Malaysia	2.5738-2.5748
Netherlands	1.7765-1.7770
Norway	6.9189-6.9209
Portugal	160.67-160.77
Singapore	1.5071-1.5076
Spain	130.05-130.15
Sweden	7.7345-7.7430
Switzerland	1.3332-1.3342

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¼ Finance Hse 5¼
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6 Low 5 Week fixed: 5
Treasury Bills (Dis):Buy: 2 mth 5¼ ; 3 mth 5¼ . Sell: 2 mth 5⅛ ; 3 mth: 5⅛ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5⅜-5$^{11}/_{32}$	5$^{13}/_{32}$-5$^{11}/_{32}$	5⅝-5$^{9}/_{16}$	5⅞-5⅞	
Sterling Money Rates:	5¼-5⅛	5$^{7}/_{16}$-5$^{5}/_{16}$	5⅝-5½	6-5⅞	6$^{9}/_{16}$-6$^{7}/_{16}$
Interbank:	5⅜-5¼	5$^{7}/_{16}$-5$^{5}/_{16}$	5⅝-5½	6-5$^{15}/_{16}$	6$^{9}/_{16}$-6$^{7}/_{16}$

Overnight: open 5 , close 7 .

Local Authority Deps:	5¼	n/a	5⅝	5⅞	6½
Sterling CDs:	5¼-5$^{3}/_{16}$	5⅜-5¼	5$^{19}/_{32}$-5$^{17}/_{32}$	5$^{31}/_{32}$-5$^{29}/_{32}$	6⅝-6½
Dollar CDs:	4.46-4.43	n/a	4.75-4.72	5.15-5.12	5.73-5.70
Building Society CDs:	5⅜-5$^{5}/_{16}$	5$^{7}/_{16}$-5$^{5}/_{16}$	5⅝-5½	6-5⅞	6⅝-6½

TREASURY BILLS: Applcts: £3,012m allotted: £500m; Bids: £98.66% received: n/a%; Last week: £98.565% received: 74%; Avge rate: £5.3747% last wk £5.6029%; Next week: £500m.

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	4¼-3⅞	4⅜-4¼	4⅞-4¾	5⅛-4⅞	4½-3⅞
Deutschemark:	4$^{29}/_{32}$-$^{25}/_{32}$	4$^{29}/_{32}$-$^{25}/_{32}$	4$^{31}/_{32}$-$^{27}/_{32}$	5-4⅞	5⅛-4⅞
French Franc:	5⅝-5⅛	5⅜-5¼	5⅝-5½	5⅞-5¾	6-5
Swiss Franc:	4$^{1}/_{16}$-3$^{15}/_{16}$	4$^{1}/_{16}$-4$^{1}/_{16}$	4$^{3}/_{16}$-4$^{1}/_{16}$	4$^{5}/_{16}$-4$^{3}/_{16}$	4½-3½
Yen:	2$^{3}/_{16}$-2$^{1}/_{16}$	2$^{3}/_{16}$-2$^{1}/_{16}$	2¼-2⅛	2⅜-2¼	2¼-1½

Bullion: Open $377.60-378.00 Close: $378.40-378.90 High: $378.90-379.40
Low: $377.50-378.00 Krugerrand: $380.50-382.50 (£247.00-249.00)
Sovereigns: Old $88.50-90.50 (£57.00-59.00) New $88.50-90.50 (£57.00-59.00)
Platinum: $409.85 (£266.30) Silver: $5.17 (£3.345) Palladium: $149.25 (£97.00)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Alld Lyon	589	32	—	—	20½	—	—
(*593½)	638	12½	—	—	51½	—	—
Argyll	260	27	35½	38½	6½	14	17½
(*276)	280	15	23	29	17½	23½	27½
ASDA	60	4½	8	8	5½	7	8
(*61)	70	2½	4½	5½	12½	14	15
Boots	500	55½	63	73	6	14	19
(*541½)	550	23	32½	44	25½	35½	41
Br Airways	420	30½	39½	40	15	26	31
(*429)	460	11½	22	31½	39	48	53
BP	390	32	39½	46	10	16½	20½
(*409)	420	15½	24	31	25½	31	35½
Br Steel	140	21	—	29½	3	5	8½
(*157½)	160	8	—	18½	9½	13	17
C & W	420	39	49	58½	12	19½	25
(*441½)	460	17½	28½	37½	32	41	46
CU	550	23	35	42	28	32½	45½
(*550)	600	7	17	23	66½	68½	79
ICI	850	41	61	72	34	44½	58½
(*861)	900	19	38	50	65½	73½	88½
Kingfishr	500	32½	47	57½	23½	29	34
(*510)	550	13½	24½	35	54	58½	63
Land Sec	650	40½	48½	60½	12½	21½	24½
(*668½)	700	15	23½	35½	38	48½	50½
M & S	420	22	31	38½	13½	20½	24½
(*424)	460	6½	13½	21	39½	44	47½
Nat West	460	32	44	51	18	23	34½
(*478)	500	14½	25½	32	41½	44½	57½
Sainsbury	420	30	37	48	17	25½	30
(*428)	460	12	19½	30	41½	48	53
Shell	700	50	60½	69	12	18	28
(*738½)	750	19	32½	41½	36	43	53
Smkl Bch	420	26	36½	44½	18	26½	32
(*427)	460	10½	19	27½	44	50½	55½
Storehse	220	16	20½	25½	8½	12	16
(*224½)	240	7	11	16	21	23	27½
Trafalgar	80	12½	15	18½	3½	5½	6
(*88)	90	7	10½	11	8	11	11½
Unilever	1050	49½	75	83	25	35	49½
(*1066)	1100	26	47	56½	52½	61½	75½
Zeneca	800	39½	56	66½	28½	39	53½
(*812½)	850	17½	33	44½	59½	68½	83

Series		Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
Grnd Met	390	27½	42½	50	1	11	18
(*414½)	420	4	24½	32½	9½	24	32½
Ladbroke	160	14	22	26½	1	8	10½
(*172)	180	1	11½	17	9½	19½	21½
Utd Bisc	330	9	23½	31	3	17½	22
(*337½)	360	1	10½	19	27	36	39

August 5, 1994 Tot: 28360 Calls: 20003 Puts: 8357 FT-SE Calls: 2357 Puts: 3351
*Underlying security price.

Series		Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
BAA	950	53½	71½	88	24½	37½	43½
(*969½)	1000	27½	46	61½	51½	62½	68½
Thames W	500	36½	43½	51½	14	23	27½
(*517)	550	13	20	28½	41½	50	56

Series		Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
BAT Ind	420	30	37½	48½	2	15	18½
(*446½)	460	2	17½	28	27½	36	41
BTR	360	31	37½	45	1	8½	12½
(*388½)	390	5	18½	28	6	22	26½
Br Aero	500	19½	48	63½	4	29	40½
(*515)	550	2	27½	41	37½	57½	68½
Br Telecm	360	20	33	35½	1	8½	19½
(*377½)	390	1½	16	20½	15	23	31½
Cadbury	460	6½	26	36½	5	20	36
(*462)	500	1	11	20½	41	50½	52
Guinness	420	32	43	52	1	9½	15
(*447)	460	2½	19	29½	15	28	33
GEC	280	11	21½	26½	1½	9	13½
(*288)	300	1½	11½	16½	14	20½	24½
Hanson	260	4	14½	19	2	12½	16½
(*262½)	280	1	7	10½	20	25½	29
LASMO	154	4	14	—	3½	11½	—
(*154½)	180	1	6½	9½	27½	31	33
Lucas	200	7½	18½	23	2	14	17½
(*205½)	220	1	9	14	16½	26½	29½
Pilkingtn	180	17	23½	27½	1	6	9½
(*195)	200	2	11	16	7	15	19½
Prudential	300	19	27½	34	1	11½	14½
(*316½)	330	2	12	19	16	27½	30½
Redland	500	47½	59	68½	1	14	23
(*544)	550	9½	28½	41	12½	36½	47
Royal Ins	260	6	19½	25½	4½	18	21
(*261)	280	1	12	17	21	30½	32½
Tesco	240	4	16½	23	3½	14½	17½
(*242)	260	1	7½	14	20	26½	29½
Vodafone	183	9	18	22	1½	8	11½
(*189½)	200	1	9½	13½	11½	17½	21
Williams	354	19½	28½	—	1½	12	—
(*371)	384	2	13½	—	15½	28	—

FT-SE INDEX (*3160½)

	3050	3100	3150	3200	3250	3300
Calls						
Aug	136	92	55	27	12	4
Sep	160	123	91	63	42	26
Oct	179	144	115	88	66	50
Nov	201	167	138	110	88	66
Dec	—	190	—	132	—	91
Puts						
Aug	8	14	30	55	90	137
Sep	29	42	59	81	111	147
Oct	50	64	86	109	139	171
Nov	64	80	100	122	151	181
Dec	—	98	—	140	—	198

Series		Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Abby Nat	390	18½	29½	37½	14½	21½	23½
(*397½)	420	7½	15½	23½	34	39	46½
Amstrad	30	5	6½	7½	2	3	4
(*33)	35	2½	4	5	4½	6	7
Barclays	550	24	39½	50½	19½	29½	39½
(*559)	600	8	18½	29	55½	61½	70½
Blue Circ	300	29	36½	44½	8	13½	17½
(*320½)	330	12	21	28½	23½	29	33
Br Gas	260	26	28½	32½	3½	9	11½
(*279½)	280	12	16	21	10	19	21
Dixons	200	14½	21½	26½	9½	14½	19
(*203½)	220	6	12½	18	22	25½	29½
Forte	220	23½	27½	32½	4½	9	12½
(*236)	240	11½	16	22	12½	19	22
Hillsdwn	160	15	19	23	4½	7	8½
(*169)	180	5	9	13½	15½	19	20½
Lonrho	130	12	17	19½	4½	7½	10½
(*136½)	140	6½	12	14½	9	12½	15½
Sears	120	7	10½	13	5	8	9½
(*121)	130	3	6	8	12	14	16
Thrn Emi	1000	67½	95	108	18	33½	48½
(*1040)	1050	37	66	81	39	57	71½
Tomkins	240	12	19	23½	9½	15	18½
(*240)	260	4½	11	15	24	27	31
TSB	200	13	19	23½	7	11½	15½
(*208)	220	4½	11½	14	20½	24	27½
Wellcome	650	52½	74½	88½	16	33½	42½
(*677)	700	26	48½	62½	44	59	66½

Series		Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Glaxo	550	63½	73	81½	18½	28	39
(*599½)	600	30½	45	55½	43½	52½	64½
HSBC	750	77	99	117	35	49	72
(*792½)	800	49½	75	91½	59	75	96½
Reuter	475	31½	—	—	19	—	—
(*485)	487½	25½	—	—	25½	—	—

Series		Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
R-Royce	180	19	25½	30	1	6½	11
(*197½)	200	3	14	19½	5½	16	20

Series		Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Fisons	140	13½	17	19	4	8	11
(*148)	160	4	7	10½	15½	20½	22½

Series		Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
Eastrn Elc	650	44½	72½	83	1½	21	28½
(*691½)	700	8	44½	55½	16	40	50½

Series		Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Natl Pwr	460	29½	40½	50½	12½	24	27
(*473)	500	9½	22	31½	34½	46½	48
Scot Pwr	390	13½	25½	29½	22	27½	32½
(*390)	420	4½	15	18	44½	48	51½

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: September LCE coffee has established fresh resistance around the $3665 mark as participants look for any Brazilian frost damage that would take prices higher. There have been some concerns, but the cold weather was caused by a temperature inversion that produced low temperatures in the valleys of Minas Gerais, and most coffee is grown at altitude.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Sep	1037-1036	Dec	1128-1122
Dec	1055-1054	Mar	1135-1134
Mar	1075-1074	May	1145-1135
May	1086-1084	Jul	1190-1160
Jul	1099-1097		
Sep	1110-1108	Volume:	3157

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Sep	3585-3582	May	3505-3490
Nov	3560-3555	Jul	3465-3450
Jan	3549-3545	Sep	3470-3450
Mar	3525-3520	Volume:	2136

NO.7 PREMIUM RAW SUGAR (6.00pm)

Spot: 306.70
Oct .... 12.15-12.30   May .... unq
Jan .... unq   Jul .... —
Mar .... —   Oct .... —
Jan .... —   Volume: 0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters
Spot: 344.00

		May	317.4-15.8
		Aug	316.9-16.3
Oct	318.0-17.8	Oct	304.5-01.9
Dec	316.0-15.4	Dec	304.4-98.3
May	316.5-16.3	Volume:	780

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on August 4

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	67.75	97.54	121.77
(+/-)	-0.03	+11.15	+4.03
Eng/Wales:	67.67	97.68	121.58
(+/-)	-0.03	+11.02	+5.09
(%)	-3.0	+35.0	-5.0
Scotland:	75.73	96.81	122.54
(+/-)	+0.56	+13.05	-1.68
(%)	-3.0	n/a	+23.0

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (£/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug	—	...	Mar	—	...
Sep	...	...		Volume:	—

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Sep	105.50
Nov	106.50
Jan	108.50
Mar	110.00
May	112.00
Volume:	390

BARLEY (close £/t)

Sep	104.00
Nov	105.00
Jan	106.75
Mar	108.15
May	109.60
Volume:	58

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Sep	unq
Nov	—
Jan	—
Mar	—
May	—
Volume:	—

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	150.0
Apr	198.0	200.5
May	unq	235.0
	Volume:	142

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Sep 79.75-80.25

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Talks between the unions and the Nigerian government appeared to be making progress, thus prices eased again.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.05	-0.25
Brent 15 day (Sep)	18.25	-0.30
Brent 15 day (Oct)	18.00	-0.30
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	19.80	-0.40
W Texas Intermediate (Oct)	19.45	-0.30

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	217 (+4)	220 (+4)
Gasoil EEC	156 (n/c)	158 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Sep	160 (+1)	161 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Oct	162 (+1)	163 (n/c)
3.5 Fuel Oil	97 (-1)	100 (-1)
Naphtha	171 (-1)	172 (-1)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

Aug	155.50-55.75	Nov	164.75-65.00
Sep	159.25-59.50	Dec	166.50-66.75
Oct	162.75 BID	Jan	168.25-68.50
			Vol: 16658

BRENT (6.00pm)

Sep	18.30 SLR	Dec	17.70 SLR
Oct	18.05 SLR	Jan	17.56 BID
Nov	unq		Vol: 29032

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Aug	unq	Nov	unq
Sep	—	Dec	—
Oct	—		Vol: 0

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Aug 94	1500	1495	1500
Sep 94	1465	1453	1458
Oct 94	1473	1455	1470
Jan 95	1485	1475	1485

Vol: 226 lots. Open int'st: 2190 Index 1474 +7

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff

(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2398.5-2399.0	2403.0-2404.0	2169380
Lead ($/tonne)	578.00-579.00	596.00-597.00	125975
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	937.00-937.50	959.00-960.00	408500
Tin ($/tonne)	5010.0-5012.0	5080.0-5085.0	20660
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1422.0-1423.0	1449.0-1450.0	1348575
Nickel ($/tonne)	6070.0-6071.0	6150.0-6155.0	56052



AT A PREMIUM 24

Million-pound prizes give Ernie a boost

WEEKEND MONEY

UNCOVERED 25

Why can't this civil servant get insurance?



Even small shareholders can enjoy influence and perks but new rules may make them harder to exercise

Buy yourself a share of the power



Sailing romantically into the sunset can be up to 50 per cent cheaper if you are a shareholder in the P&O line

A new campaign will allow bank customers to challenge the chairmen. **Liz Dolan** reports

Next week, posters all over London will offer free shares in high street banks to disgruntled customers so that they can complain in person to the chairman at the next shareholders' annual general meeting. There is, of course, a catch.

The shares, with a maximum value of around £8, are only available to those willing to stump up £45 to join the bank action group, Struggle Against Financial Exploitation (Safe).

The group's Andrew Donovan claims that fierce questioning by Safe supporters at Barclays' general meeting earlier this year forced the new chief executive, Martin Taylor, to run away "literally", rather than face them over the post-agm refreshments — a contention that Barclays vehemently denies.



But just how much power do small shareholders really have? Indirect investors, such as those in unit, or investment, trusts, or Pep savings plans, have none. As for the rest: "The rule is one share, one vote, so clearly the large institutional shareholders have the real power," concedes Stuart Valentine, research director at ProShare, which promotes wider share ownership. "But people who get up and speak at agms can still influence company thinking."

Justin Urquhart Stewart, energetic head of Barclays Stockbrokers, says that many companies could do more for their private shareholders. "I tell chairmen that they should be cherished, if only as customers. For companies like Boots there is an element of customer loyalty that's well worth encouraging."

Boots says: "We do value small shareholders as customers. That's why we give them discounts to encourage them to visit our stores." Nearly one third of the company's 130,000 shareholders are private investors and many attend the agm. But nowadays the chairman draws the line at taking questions about castor oil and car batteries during the meeting. These are handled by a customer service desk outside the hall.

Small shareholders are often very loyal, says Mr Valentine. "Many stay with companies for years. They prefer to try and change what they dislike rather than selling out." This propensity among private investors to stick with the company through thick and thin can be a useful defensive tool when the board is trying to ward off the unwelcome attentions of predators. Merrydown, the cider and wines group, is very shareholder-friendly, offering generous discounts, including delivery, on a range of products, plus tours of the winery. General meetings tend to be well attended, says the chairman, Richard Purdey. "It's almost an annual reunion." Last year, they met in a tithe barn at a local priory but dwindling profits mean that this year's meeting will be at the head office in Horam, East Sussex, to save money.

Marks and Spencer, while still willing to discuss underwear sizes and free range marrows at agms, gets huffy if shareholders complain about the lack of perks. At this year's meeting, the chairman, Sir Richard Greenbury, said: "We believe that the way to reward shareholders is not with gimmicks, not with gift vouchers and not with discounts, but with good, old-fashioned dividends."

Reform may hit private shareholders

Shorter settlement times for share deals, introduced last month by the Stock Exchange, could rob a large number of private investors of their voting rights and perks (Liz Dolan writes).

Until last month, shareholders had up to two weeks, and sometimes three, to complete a deal. Now, they have ten days. Some time next year, the authorities plan to reduce the margin to five days.This will effectively prevent private investors from holding share certificates as it will be impossible to deliver them in time.

Many stockbrokers are already advising clients to transfer their shares into broker-managed nominee accounts. While this speeds up settlement times, it also means the removal of shareholders' names from the company's share register, depriving them of the right to an independent vote at annual general meetings.

Some nominees record the names of individual shareholders, and may send out annual reports and notification of agms. Others pool all certificates, depriving shareholders of any separate identity. In both cases, voting is by proxy and investor perks may have to be sacrificed. P&O, for instance, has this year made a point of warning shareholders that travel discounts will not be available through nominees.

Brian Winterflood, of Winterflood Securities (Wins), the market maker, says it is nonsense to suggest that everyone is bound by the ten or five-day deadlines. His firm will extend settlement times for up to 25 days. Wins does not deal directly with investors, so shareholders should alert their own brokers to this offer.

ProShare this week launched a two-month research project aimed at finding ways of improving the flow of information to shareholders in nominee accounts.

Investments to perk up the portfolio

Do you fancy a discounted subscription to *Practical Photography*, or *Garden News Magazine*? Buy a share in Emap, the publisher (Sara McConnell writes). Or would you prefer a 10 per cent discount on a room at The Savoy or Claridge's? Buy ten 10p "A" ordinary, or five 5p "B" ordinary Savoy shares.

Shareholders can find out what perks are on offer through *The Perks Book*, a free guide by the Bank of NT Butterfield & Sons. Barclays Stockbrokers also has a guide, *Shareholder Benefits*, listing companies offering perks even to nominee holders.

Perks this year for all individual shareholders include:

■ British Airways: 10 per cent off fares, and 5 per cent discount on BA holidays. *Minimum: 200 25p ordinary shares on register at 11.11.93.*

■ Allied Lyons: vouchers towards meals in restaurants as well as vouchers for wine, spirits and beer through Victoria Wine, and biscuits. *No minimum holding*

■ Kwik-Fit Holdings: 10 per cent discount on two purchases of more than £5 from Kwik Fit depots in the UK and Europe and Stop 'n' Steer centres. *Minimum: 100 ordinary 10p shares.*

Perks only on offer to individual shareholders (not nominees) include:

■ P&O: discounts of up to 50 per cent on cross-Channel ferries for a car and four passengers. *Minimum 600 5.5 per cent £1 redeemable non-cum preference shares.* Discounts of 30 per cent on limited number of Scottish sailings. *Minimum 200 £1 deferred or 500 3.5 per cent cum preferred*

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Weekend Money is edited by Sara McConnell

End the pensions nightmare



COMMENT

LINDSAY COOK
Business Editor

Anyone who transferred a pension from a company scheme to a personal pension plan and is now counting the cost will be grateful to hear that Julian Farrand has agreed to be the new pensions ombudsman. The news this week that the insurance industry intends to fight every inch of the way before paying any compensation was followed by the Securities and Investments Board's announcement that its report on how to pay compensation would be delayed until October. The two were probably not unconnected.

Dr Farrand, the man who made an insurance firm pay out on an £800,000 policy when it tried to renege after accepting hefty premiums for eight years, will now put his mind to resolving pension problems. He has built a reputation for sorting out nonsenses. He has no time for salesmen who sell whole of life policies to 18-year-old nurses, or hide behind unfair exclusion clauses.

But he also knows that not all the claims will be legitimate. Some chancers who insisted on leaving excellent state and company schemes for a personal pension may try to claim that they were mis-sold the pension plan, now they realise what they are losing. While occupational scheme members may get 10 per cent or more of salary paid into their scheme every month, those who opted out into personal pensions only get their own money. Nor will they get death in service benefit or permanent health insurance unless they pay extra.

The downside of personal pensions for those who have stayed with their old employers but are prevented from rejoining the superior schemes they left are all too clear. Some might be tempted to embellish their memory of the sales routine to claim compensation for their own bad decision. They will be found out. Dr Farrand, in his role as insurance ombudsman, has developed informal hearings to test the veracity of accusations. These often resulted in salesmen admitting that they had changed documents or added details later. They did also reveal the claimants who may not be entirely truthful.

Pension transfer cases are a nightmare. Instead of dragging their feet and being litigious, the industry should do its best to co-operate swiftly to help policyholders back to the financial position they should always have been in. Dr Farrand has a reputation for tackling cases fairly and quickly; he could save the pensions industry from causing itself more damage.

Ernie revitalised

THE tremendous surge in sales of Premium Bonds in the first half of the year should show salesmen once and for all what it is that investors want. They want the opportunity to make tremendous gains, that will transform their lives, without risking their money.

A billion pounds flooded into Premium Bonds in the first six months as people rushed to have their bonds among those the electronic random number indicator — Ernie, to you and me — might select for the million pound prize.

It is only a small chance that your number will come out, but every week and month there are draws, and dreams can be repaid.

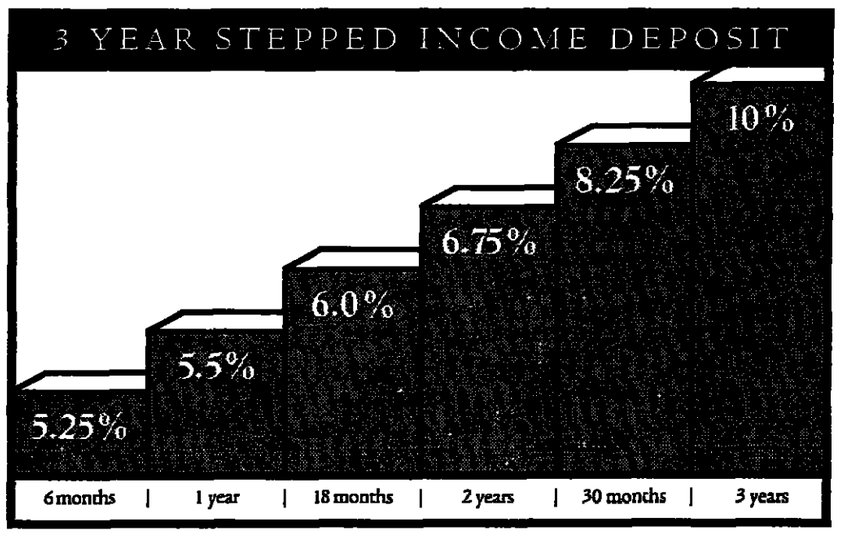
When disillusion with the randomness of the selection sets in, the bonds can be cashed in. Bondholders have forgone interest while their money is tied up in Ernie's maw, but currently rates of return are so low that those with modest savings are prepared to lose it on the slight chance that they become millionaires.

And somehow it seems far cleaner to lose the interest knowingly than to lose as much, if not more, in commission on other investments that may damage the capital as well.

Unlike the National Lottery that gets under way in November, the bond lasts for ever. Many of those in this month's draw were bought during the Fifties when Premium Bonds were first launched. Inflation may have bitten into the value of those early pounds, but they also have had more than 400 chances of winning.

With the National Lottery, each ticket will have one chance of hitting the jackpot. It will be interesting to see whether it lasts longer than Ernie.

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Thousands of Chinese struggled to buy shares when the Shenzen stock exchange released new issues in 1992

Is China still in the year of the bear?

Investors in the handful of unit and investment trusts with holdings in China saw their luck turn this week when the price of shares on China's B-share index for foreigners rose slightly.

But the rise is likely to be short-lived and investors in this unpredictable market will continue to ride a risky roller coaster of stock market peaks and troughs, fund managers say.

The shares perked up after the Chinese authorities suspended new company listings on the A-share index for local investors. This cut the supply of shares, moved prices upwards on the A index, and had a knock-on effect on foreigners' shares, which have fallen 50 per cent from their peak.

Arnab Banerji, chief investment officer of Foreign & Colonial Emerging Markets, says: "There has been an immediate reaction from the shares trading on the A-share index and some prices have already moved up by 30 per cent. By reducing supply by suspending new listings, the Chinese obviously hope to move prices upwards."

The A-share index has fallen some 80 per cent since February 1993. The China Securities Regulatory Commission is concerned that such massive falls, even on the local index, were undermining investor confidence in general in China's fledgling Shanghai and Shenzen exchanges.

David Paterson, a director of Fleming's £65 million Chinese investment trust, says there are still plenty of investment opportunities in the region despite the suspensions.: "We can invest in companies which have extensive business interests in China through the Hong Kong Stock Exchange which is a liquid market that is relatively well regulated. We can also buy the H-shares of Chinese companies listed in Hong Kong. These tend to be the bigger companies."

Evidence of the phenomenal growth in the Chinese and Hong Kong stock markets is clear from the latest Micropal unit trust statistics. Over a five year period to August 1, the top four performing trusts are Hong Kong and China trusts. The star is Gartmore's Hong Kong trust, including China, which was up 368 per cent. But such gains are not likely to be seen again for the next few years.

Despite the latest moves by the Chinese authorities to control stock market pressures and economic overheating there is still a danger of a crash-landing, says Mr Banerji. A compromise for many investors might be to use a low-cost regular monthly savings scheme.

ROBERT MILLER

Ernie gets us gambling with millionaire pledge

Margaret Dibben dispels some of the myths over payouts on Premium Bonds

The chance of winning £1 million on the Premium Bonds has turned Britain into a nation of gamblers. More Premium Bonds were bought in the first six months of this year than in the whole of 1992 and 1993 put together. In this week's draw, more than £17 million was paid out in prizes to 262,251 people. But there are still thousands of disgruntled bondholders who have never won a penny.

At present, 5.2 per cent of the total fund is returned in prizes each month which is a reasonable tax-free return on your money. National Savings certificates pay 5.4 per cent tax-free, which is guaranteed; with Premium Bonds you have to trust to luck.

Every £1 bond stands an equal chance of a win though the chances of your number coming up for the top £1 million prize are nearly four billion to one. But it is the element of chance, and the possibility of hitting the jackpot, that attracts people with a gambling streak to Premium Bonds. One such "gambler" is Alan Hardy, head of investment research at Lloyds Private Banking. During the day he looks after portfolios worth millions for wealthy clients but some of his own money goes into Premium Bonds.

He even recommends them to clients. He says: "When you are dealing with people's money, it is sensible to put a proportion of their capital into premium bonds as they offer a competitive return relative to cash deposits. The total payout is guaranteed, though you may not win any of it. Which is my position." After four years he is still waiting for a win.

Disappointed bondholders believe there are many reasons why they never win. But are they right?

■ **Old bonds never come up because Ernie seldom picks bonds with low numbers.**
False. It is true that older bonds appear on the prize lists less regularly but only because there are fewer of them. Older bonds are gradually cashed in, or the owners die, while 7.7 million new bonds are sold every working day. In last month's draw, a £5,000 prize went to a bond bought in 1957.

■ **You stand a better chance if you buy a block of bonds with numbers in sequence.**
False. You may think this reduces your chances of missing a prize by a number or two but your chances are just as good with an arbitrary selection of numbers.

■ **Ernie is biased towards bondholders in the South.**
False. More prizes do go to the South because more bonds are held by people living there.

■ **Now that the minimum holding is £100, bondholders with fewer bonds do not go into the draw any more.**
False. However small your holding, every bond goes in every month; and you can reinvest winnings down to £50.

■ **Nobody ever really wins prizes more than £1,000; do you know anybody who has?**
False. Somebody wins the top prizes because Ernie is audited, and cleared, every month for honesty. Perhaps people with big wins keep quiet.

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Negative-trap schemes find few takers

BORROWERS whose mortgages are worth more than the value of their property are not turning to their lender for help. A survey published this week by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation has found schemes introduced by banks and building societies to bail out customers with negative equity have had limited impact (Margaret Dibben writes).

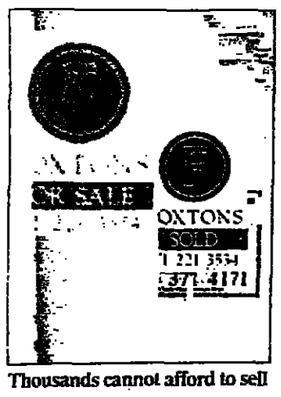
Tricia Kennett, one of the foundation's researchers, said: "Many of our respondents found that they received little help from financial institutions. A few had specific strategies but these were aimed at people on fairly high incomes and even then they were quite difficult to obtain."

The Halifax reckons that 100,000 of its borrowers have negative equity; 8,000 have inquired about the scheme; 2,000 have been offered help and 900 have been able to move house. Woolwich has helped 500, with another 500 in the pipeline. Nationwide has two schemes which have helped only 150 people.

This week it introduced a third, similar to the Halifax scheme, which enables customers to borrow up to 125 per cent of the value of a new home and use the excess to repay negative equity.

Negative equity has hit a wider spread of homeowners than first-time buyers, the foundation says. Many of those stuck with houses worth less than their mortgages are second and third-time buyers who either traded up or remortgaged to raise cash.

The easiest strategy for coping with negative equity was not to move house even when this meant rejecting a new job.



Thousands cannot afford to sell

We can't insure your jewels, somebody might steal them

Liz Dolan reports on the difficulty of getting insurance when you live in a furnished flat

ALAN WELLER


Carol Sheridan lives in a comfortable west London flat but has problems insuring her possessions

Insurance companies make a big song and dance of offering peace of mind and never letting dramas become crises. But customers could be forgiven for thinking that when risks arise, the average insurer disappears rapidly in the opposite direction.

One subscriber to this theory is Carol Sheridan, who recently sold her home in Kent and took up temporary residence in a furnished flat in London while waiting to buy another house. This has landed her with an unexpected problem. "To my amazement," she says, "I have been quite unable to obtain insurance cover for my personal possessions, clothes, jewellery etc. No insurance company can give me any reason — indeed, they are quite dismissive once I say I live in furnished accommodation."

Even Commercial Union, which provided cover when she was a homeowner, could not help. Neither could Frizzell, the broker that specialises in insurance for civil servants — despite the fact that Miss Sheridan is a tax inspector. Bob Screen, Frizzell's group product manager, says watches, jewellery, cameras and clothes are very much more likely to be lost or stolen than are furniture or other household items. Where cover also extends to burglary favourites, like videos and stereos, claims can rocket out of all proportion.

Consequently, most insurers accept the business only as an extension to general contents cover, particularly in inner-city areas. But, as Miss Sheridan's landlord has not bothered to insure the contents, this route is closed to her. Insurance companies are wary of rented accommodation, especially blocks of flats, because claims tend to be proportionately higher, says the Association of British Insurers. "You're more likely to have strangers wandering around and fire risk is often greater."

Barclays, another company approached by Miss Sheridan, suggested standard contents cover with a £12,500 sum assured. But this would cost more than £270 a year — expensive for a few items of jewellery and clothing. There could also be a problem with selective insurance.

Holgate Insurance Brokers, recommended by the ABI for hard-to-place risks, was unable to help. "DSS stuff, students, hard-to-let properties — no problem. But we can't help people like Miss Sheridan who only want to insure the things that are most attractive to burglars."

Link Insurance Services (LIS), whose products are underwritten at Lloyd's, came close to meeting her needs — but not quite. Its Graduate-Plus policy is aimed at tenants of furnished flats and houses. But it will not insure more than £4,000-worth of goods. As its name suggests, it is intended for younger people, often straight out of university, with few possessions. "Can't Miss Sheridan keep her jewellery in the bank?" said Peter Latchford, director. "No," she said. "I haven't got that much, and I like to wear it."

Endsleigh was one of the few to offer Miss Sheridan some comfort. Its Homestyle policy gives up to £25,000-worth of cover. People who share with others are not excluded — a difficult area, Endsleigh said. There are discounts for some occupations, including solicitors, doctors and teachers ... and civil servants.

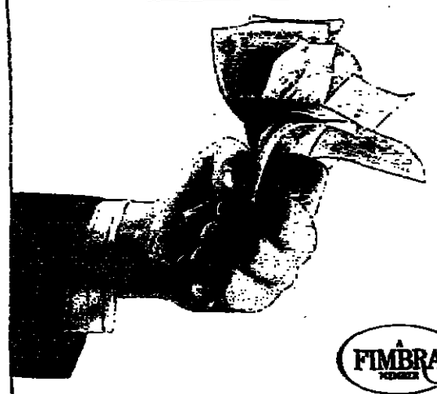
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- *Endsleigh offers young graduates up to £4,000-worth of cover, which includes flat and houseshares.*
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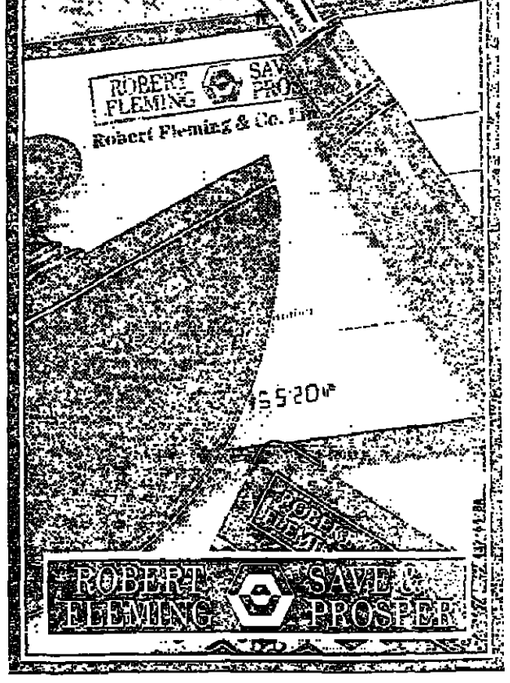
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Property	230.20	242.40	+0.40	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	195.70	206.00	+4.00	...
Indexed Secs	161.00	169.50	-2.00	...
Cash	185.10	194.90	+0.20	...
Nth American	211.70	222.90	+2.30	...
Far East	339.90	357.80	+2.90	...
International	246.10	259.10	+3.70	
Special Sits	328.70	346.10	+3.10	...
Intl Income	289.50	304.80	+2.40	...
American Inc	192.70	202.90	-4.40	...
European	316.10	332.80	-1.30	...
Japanese	161.60	170.20	-1.60	...
SE Asia	371.00	390.60	-5.70	
With Profits Reg	160.80	169.30	+0.20	...
-do- Spec	160.80	169.30	-0.20	
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	322.90	339.90	+5.80	...
Equity	377.50	397.40	+9.20	...
Property	211.50	222.70	+0.40	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	239.20	251.80	+4.30	...
Index Linked	169.90	178.90	+2.20	
Cash	246.70	259.70		
Nth American	257.30	270.90	+4.40	...
Far East Acc	356.20	375.00	+1.40	...
International Acc	312.30	328.80	+4.40	...
Special Sits	472.30	497.20	+8.60	...
European Flex	444.60	468.00	-7.30	...
COLONIAL MUTUAL GROUP				
Colonial Mutual House, Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY. 0634 890 000				
(Units) Key	£208.55	...	...	...
-do- Pacemaker	£295.24			
-do- Cash	201.54	212.15	+0.10	
-do- Equity	526.18	553.87	+0.95	...
-do- Fxd Int	340.57	358.49	-4.24	...
-do- Managed	374.99	394.73	-0.54	
-do- Property	332.28	349.77	-0.47	...
(Pens) Cash Cap	207.65	218.58	-0.02	...
-do- Cash Inv	300.42	316.25	-0.25	...
-do- Equity Cap	£14.23	£14.97	-20.38	...
-do- Equity Inv	£20.58	£21.67	-30.91	...
-do- Fixed Cap	376.61	396.47	+0.57	...
-do- Fixed Inv	544.92	573.61	+9.89	...
-do- Index Cap	193.47	203.66	+1.49	...
-do- Index Inv	279.91	294.65	+2.35	...
Mngd Cap	562.52	592.14	+8.76	...
Mngd Inv	813.86	856.70	+13.24	...
COMMERCIAL UNION				
St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3. 071 283 7500				
Var Ann Acc (5)	1843.10	...	+15.03	...
Var Ann (5)	191.37	...	+1.18	...
Prime Managed	402.10	423.30	+4.50	...
Prime UK Equity	481.50	506.90	+6.90	...
Prime Int Equity	311.90	328.30	-2.00	...
Prime Property	251.60	264.90	-0.10	...
Prime Fxd Int	226.00	237.90	+2.30	...
Prime Index-Lnk	162.90	171.50	-2.20	...
Prime Cash	202.90	213.60	+0.10	
CONFEDERATION LIFE				
Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN 0438 744540				
Managed Fund	£11.38	£11.98	+11.50	0.0
Equity Fund	£16.31	£17.17	+20.40	...
CROWN FINANCIAL				
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW 0483 715033				
Life Mangd Acc	594.80	626.10	-6.70	...
Life Fxd Int Acc	355.30	374.00	+3.90	...
Life Equity Acc	817.00	859.90	+11.20	...
Life Money Acc	298.03	313.60	+0.20	...
Life Inv Tst Acc	833.70	877.50	+8.20	...
Life Intl Acc	514.70	541.70	+3.80	...
Life High Inc Acc	773.70	814.40	+10.00	...
Life Property Acc	275.00	289.40	-0.40	...
Crown Brit Inv A	£13.90	...	...	...
Brewin Equity	671.80	707.10	+8.60	...

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EAGLE STAR LIFE ASSURANCE				
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ. 0242 221311				
Secure Fund	173.40	182.60	+0.10	...
Blue Chip Fund	243.60	256.50	+2.20	...
-do- Series 2	158.70	167.10	+1.50	...
Adventurous Fd	206.60	217.50	+2.20	...
-do- Series 2	157.30	165.60	-1.70	...
Performance Fd	254.30	267.60	+2.00	...
-do- Series 2	167.10	175.90	+1.40	...
UK Pref Fxd Int	136.10	143.30	-0.70	...
UK Equity Fund	159.20	167.60	+1.40	...
Property Fund	124.30	130.90	+0.20	...
Envrnmntl Opps	159.20	167.60	+1.70	...
Euro Fund	196.10	206.50	+3.40	...
North Amer Fd	183.00	192.70	+0.90	...
Oriental Ops	243.20	258.20	+6.00	...
Japanese Fund	143.40	151.00	+0.10	...
Bri & West Life	121.70	128.20	-0.10	...
Bri & West Pen	136.10	143.30	+0.20	...
EAGLE STAR/MIDLAND				
60 St Mary Axe, London EC3. 071 929 1111				
Eagle/Mid Uts	262.90	272.40	+3.80	3.36
FRIENDS' PROVIDENT				
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH 0722 413366				
Managed (Mixd)	304.20	320.30	+3.10	...
UK Equity	398.50	419.50	+4.60	...
Stewardship	340.90	358.90	+2.40	...
Overseas Equity	289.30	304.60	+3.40	
North American	145.90	153.60	+0.50	...
Pacific Basin	173.60	182.80	+2.50	...
European	212.80	224.00	+3.80	...
Property	208.50	219.50	-0.10	...
Fixed Interest	219.90	231.50	+2.00	...
Index Linked	159.50	167.90	-0.90	...
Cash	198.10	208.60	+0.10	
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS. 071 710 4567				
GT Plan Far East	374.10	393.80	+2.70	...
GT Plan Wwide	526.70	554.50	-8.40	...
GENERAL ACCIDENT				
2 Rougier Street, York YO1 1HR. 0904 629982				
Managed	209.80	220.80	+2.50	...
Unitised Profit	133.10	140.00	-0.20	...
UK Equity	276.80	291.30	+4.20	...
Fixed Int	184.50	194.10	+2.40	...
Index-Linked	157.40	165.60	+2.00	...
Cash Deposit	172.60	181.60	-0.10	...
Property	184.70	194.40	+0.20	...
International	178.80	188.10	+2.40	...
American	154.90	163.00	+0.90	...
Japan	271.90	286.10	+1.10	...
Japan Smllr Cos	278.40	292.90	+1.00	0.0
European	184.80	194.40	+2.40	...
Pacific Fund	297.90	313.50	+6.00	...
Conv Life	128.90	135.60	+2.50	...
GENERAL PORTFOLIO LIFE				
Gen Portfolio House, Harlow, Essex CM20 2EW. 0279 626262				
Portfolio Acc	691.10	691.10	+7.10	...
-do- Inv A	691.00	727.50	+7.50	...
UK Equity	399.10	420.30	+4.80	
Gilt Plus	193.90	204.20	-1.30	...
Managed	305.20	321.30	+3.30	...
Inter Man	273.70	288.20	+2.90	...
GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE				
Royal Exchange London EC3. 071 283 7101				
Ass Prop Bds	791.10	824.10	...	...
Managed Initial	471.80	496.60	+8.00	...
-do- Acc	667.70	702.80	+11.60	...
Equity Initial	687.10	723.30	+14.50	...
-do- Acc	972.50	£10.23	+20.90	...
Fixed Int Initial	424.30	446.60	+5.50	...
-do- Acc	600.50	632.10	+8.10	...
Intl Initial	477.90	503.20	+4.30	...
-do- Acc	676.30	711.90	+6.20	...
Nth Amer Initial	169.30	178.30	-1.10	...
-do- Acc	218.10	229.60	-1.40	...
Pacific Initial	263.50	277.40	+0.20	...
-do- Acc	336.20	353.90	+0.30	...
Property Initial	178.20	187.60	...	...
-do- Acc	252.10	265.40		
Index-Lnkd Initl	151.90	159.90	+2.40	...
-do- Acc	195.60	205.90	+3.10	...
Deposit Initial	196.30	206.60	...	...
-do- Acc	277.80	292.50	+0.20	...
Euro Initial	108.10	113.80	-1.40	...
-do- Acc	128.70	135.50	-1.70	...
HAMBRO GUARDIAN ASSURANCE				
Kingsgate, 1 King Edward Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4HG. 0277 200939				
Managed	167.20	175.90	+2.00	...
-do- Pens	204.40	215.10	+3.10	...
UK Equity	166.50	175.30	+1.80	...
-do- Pens	189.00	198.90	+2.70	...
International	149.70	157.70	+3.10	...
-do- Pens	162.80	171.30	+3.40	...
Deposit	138.70	145.90	-0.10	...
-do- Pens	163.40	171.90	-0.10	...
HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION				
3 Finsbury Avenue, London EC2M 2PA 071 638 5757				
UK Equity Fd	362.00	385.20	+5.90	...
North America	333.60	354.90	-1.40	...
Far East Fund	681.50	725.10	+9.40	...
Global Managed	479.00	509.60	+6.60	...
Deposit Fund	227.00	239.00	...	...
Prime Residential	133.90	141.00	...	...
European Fund	267.10	284.20	+3.70	...
Fixed Interest	63.90	68.00	+0.60	...
HILL SAMUEL LIFE				
NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
Security Fund	513.20	543.10	+5.50	...
British Fund	514.70	544.70	+5.20	...
International	539.70	571.20	+5.60	...
Dollar Fund	358.70	379.60	-1.30	...
Capital Fund	473.50	501.10	+7.20	...
Income Fund	677.30	716.80	+8.90	...
Property Series A	461.60	488.50	...	4.80
Property Units	763.00	801.20	...	...
Financial Fund	556.00	588.40	+5.50	...

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Managed Ser A	534.90	566.10	+7.50	...
Managed Units	955.90	£10.06	+13.40	...
High Yield Fund	643.50	681.00	+10.30	...
Money Series A	285.30	302.00	+0.30	...
Money Units	377.70	397.60	+0.30	...
Equity Fund	609.10	644.60	+8.90	...
Fixed Interest	359.90	380.90	+7.60	...
Indexed Secs	177.70	188.10	+3.00	...
European Fund	754.00	797.90	+12.30	...
Natural Res	299.70	317.20	-2.30	...
Far East Fund	701.90	742.80	+9.10	...
Smaller Cos	497.20	526.20	+6.00	...
Special Sits	439.10	464.70	+7.40	...
Man Currency	260.70	275.90	-0.10	...
Japanese Tech	310.20	328.30	+2.70	...
US Smaller Cos	194.90	206.30	-0.30	...
IRISH LIFE ASSURANCE				
Irish Life Centre, Victoria Street, St Albans, Herts AL1 3TF. 0727 48181				
Global Managed	563.20	592.80	+8.80	...
Global Property	288.00	303.20	+1.70	...
Global Fixed Int	489.90	515.70	+6.50	...
Global Equity	601.50	633.20	+10.80	...
Global Cash	211.30	222.40	+0.20	...
LAURENTIAN LIFE				
Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 7RZ 0452 371371				
Gtd Mgd	468.10	492.70	+4.90	...
Property	492.10	517.90	-1.00	...
Managed	418.20	440.20	+5.40	...
American	383.30	403.40	+1.50	...
UK Equity Fd	450.00	473.60	+7.40	...
Japan	226.60	238.50	-0.60	...
Index-Lkd	175.20	184.40	+0.70	...
High Yield	843.90	888.30	+15.10	...
Growth Cap	414.00	435.70	+4.90	...
Money	398.70	419.60	+0.20	...
International	404.80	426.10	+3.90	...
Henderson Active	222.60	234.30	+4.30	...
Perpetual Active	337.80	355.50	+7.00	...
Growth Cap	414.00	435.70	+4.90	...
-do- Acc	652.40	686.70	+8.70	...
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT ASSURANCE				
2 Montefiore Road, Hove, Sussex BN3 1SE 0273 824000				
B Soc Lnkd Ink	135.10	142.30	-0.10	...
-do- Acc	184.70	194.50	+0.10	...
Brit Opps Int	142.10	149.60	+2.10	...
-do- Acc	174.60	183.80	+3.00	...
Cash Initial	166.90	175.70	-0.50	...
-do- Acc	284.50	299.50	...	...
Equity Initial	648.10	682.20	+9.90	...
-do- Acc	£11.04	£11.62	+19.80	...
Fixed Initial	331.20	348.70	+2.80	...
-do- Acc	564.50	594.20	+6.30	...
Index-Lnkd Gilt	129.10	135.90	+1.00	...
-do- Acc	187.80	197.70	+2.10	...
Intl Initial	361.10	380.20	+3.00	...
-do- Acc	605.90	637.80	+6.50	...
Managed Initial	483.50	509.00	+5.30	...
-do- Acc	823.90	867.30	+10.90	...
Property Initial	216.80	228.30	-0.50	...
-do- Acc	369.60	389.10	+0.20	...
LINCOLN NATIONAL				
1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081 902 8876				
Equity Units	£130.68	...	+3.39	...
Property Units	£127.76	...	+0.09	...
Bal Bd Exer Unit	£64.36	£67.74	+0.93	...
2nd Equity Acc	645.50	679.50	+19.10	...
2nd High Inc Ac	615.00	647.40	-12.30	...
2nd Property Acc	253.40	266.70	-0.70	...
2nd Mngd 2 Acc	179.50	189.00	-1.10	...
2nd Mngd 3 Acc	471.70	496.60	+6.10	...
2nd Mngd 4 Acc	236.00	248.40	+2.40	...
2nd Deposit Acc	278.00	292.60	+0.20	...
2nd Gilt Acc	291.60	307.00	+1.50	...
2nd Amer Acc	620.90	653.60	+2.00	...
2nd Intl Mny Acc	261.10	274.90	-0.20	...
2nd Index Acc	199.10	209.60	-0.20	...
2nd For East Acc	485.70	511.20	+1.60	...
2nd Global Acc	175.70	184.90	+1.10	...
2nd Euro Acc	169.80	178.60	+2.10	...
2nd Japan Acc	216.00	227.40	+0.60	...
2nd Int Cr Bd Acc	162.90	171.40	-0.30	...
2nd Cap Gth Acc	128.60	135.40	+1.70	...
LONDON LIFE				
100 Temple Street, Bristol BS1 6EA 0272 279179				
Equity	£908.80	...	+17.20	...
Fixed Interest	£398.30	...	+3.70	...
Property	£397.20	...	+5.00	...
Deposit	£289.00	...	+0.20	...
Mixed	£599.60	...	+9.20	...
Indexed Stock	£202.10	...	+1.10	...
International	£303.60	...	+3.70	...
Equity A	£211.00	...	+4.00	...
Fixed Int A	£176.90	...	+1.70	...
Property A	£174.70	...	+2.20	...
Deposit A	£170.00	...	+0.10	...
Mixed A	£197.20	...	+3.00	...
Index Stock A	£158.30	...	+0.80	...
International A	£189.80	...	+2.30	...
Equity P	£753.00	...	+17.20	...
Fixed Int P	£523.00	...	+4.90	...
Property P	£325.50	...	+2.50	...
Deposit P	£338.70	...	+0.20	...
Mixed P	£555.20	...	+10.10	...
Index Stock P	£231.10	...	+1.30	...
International P	£358.00	...	+5.60	...
LONDON & MANCHESTER ASSURANCE				
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 0392 282456				
Inv Trust Cap	£617.00	...	+6.70	...
-do- Acc	£610.17	...	+11.90	...
Property Cap	£151.60	...	-1.90	...
-do- Acc	£240.80	...	-3.00	...
Fxd Interest Cap	£189.40	...	+2.60	...
-do- Acc	£302.40	...	+4.40	...
Equity Cap	£320.00	...	+3.90	...
-do- Acc	£517.60	...	+6.80	...
Internatl Cap	£347.00	...	+3.40	...
-do- Acc	£395.70	...	+5.80	...
Gtd Deposit Cap	£166.40	...	-0.10	...

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-do- Acc	£262.50	...	+0.10	...
Flexible Cap	£349.00	...	+3.90	...
-do- Acc	£563.00	...	+6.80	...
Moneymaker Fd	£434.10	...	+5.40	...
Capital Growth	£116.83	...	+22.80	...
M & G				
Victoria Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1FB 0245 266266				
Amer Bond Acc	396.70	416.60	+2.20	...
Amer Rec Bond	473.90	497.70	+0.10	...
Am Smlr Cos Bd	224.70	236.00	+0.50	...
Australasia Bd	269.40	282.00	+6.00	...
Commodity Bond	332.50	349.70	+2.10	...
Deposit Bond Acc	357.80	375.80	-0.20	...
Equity Bond Acc	£14.99	£15.74	+16.60	...
European Bd Acc	393.80	413.60	+4.30	...
Extra Yld Bd Acc	725.90	762.30	+4.50	...
Far East Bd Acc	330.20	346.80	+4.50	...
Gilt Bond Acc	420.90	442.00	+3.80	...
Gold Bond Acc	167.20	175.60	-2.70	...
High Yield Bond	342.30	359.60	-4.00	...
Index-Lnk Gt Bd	198.30	208.30	+1.40	...
International Bd	789.80	829.40	+6.50	...
Japan Bond Acc	306.10	321.50	+1.90	...
Japan Sm Cos Ac	312.20	327.90	-2.20	...
Managed Bonds	890.10	934.70	+9.20	...
Prop Bond Acc	337.80	356.00	-0.20	...
Rec Bond Acc	766.70	805.20	+8.10	...
MGM ASSURANCE				
MGM House, Heene Road, Worthing BN11 2DY. 0903 204631				
UK Equity	224.70	236.60	+2.30	...
UK Equity Acc	313.30	329.80	+3.40	...
Special Sits	93.10	98.00	+0.90	...
Special Sits Acc	129.90	136.80	+1.50	...
North American	175.70	185.00	-0.70	...
N American Acc	245.00	257.90	+1.10	...
Pacific Basin	393.30	414.00	+6.40	...
Pacific Basin Acc	548.50	577.40	+9.40	...
Fixed Interest	271.90	286.30	+2.90	...
Fixed Interest Acc	379.70	399.70	+4.30	...
Property	175.20	184.50	-0.10	...
Property Acc	244.60	257.50	-0.30	...
Deposit	152.00	160.00	...	...
Deposit Acc	212.60	223.80	+0.20	...
Managed	261.03	274.80	+2.50	...
Managed Acc	335.50	353.20	+3.50	...
MANULIFE GROUP				
St George's Way, Stevenage, Herts 0438 356101				
Managed Fund	701.30	738.20	+8.70	...
Property Fund	534.40	562.50	+0.50	...
Equity Fund	886.90	933.60	+15.70	...
Gilt Edged Fd	584.10	614.80	-6.60	...
Deposit Fund	327.30	344.50	+0.20	...
Investment Fd	378.50	397.40	+7.00	...
International	557.70	587.00	+3.90	...
MERCHANT INVESTORS				
St Bartholomews House, Lewins Mead, Bristol BS1 2NH 0272 266 366				
Property	453.80	477.60	+0.80	...
UK Equity	339.70	357.50	+4.70	...
Gilt Edged	547.20	576.00	+6.80	...
Interest Fund	380.40	400.40	+0.40	...
UK Fund	492.70	518.60	+5.00	...
Intl Equity	630.50	663.60	+7.10	...
Intl Managed	585.50	616.30	+7.60	...
North American	208.60	219.50	-0.80	...
Far East	505.70	532.30	+5.50	...
Intl Currency	262.70	276.50	...	...
NM LIFE ASSURANCE				
Enterprise House, Portsmouth 0705 827733				
Equity	146.00	153.60	+2.00	...
Fixed Interest	510.70	537.50	+3.10	...
Managed	700.40	737.20	+8.30	...
Deposit	337.20	354.90	+0.30	...
Property	471.30	496.10	+0.60	...
American	398.00	418.90	+1.30	...
Australian	552.90	582.00	+7.20	...
European	543.10	571.60	-8.80	...
Income Acc	750.20	789.60	+10.60	...
-do- Dist	452.10	475.80	+8.50	3.90
International	329.50	346.80	+3.50	...
Japan Smaller	602.10	633.70	-10.00	...
Singapore & Mal	408.00	429.40	-15.90	...
Smaller Cos	412.50	434.20	+2.80	...
Tokyo Fund	753.90	793.50	+6.40	...
UK Equity	589.70	620.70	-1.00	...
CCM Vangd Mg	739.60	778.50	+9.10	...
NPI				
48 Gracechurch Street, London EC3P 3HH 071 623 4200				
Managed	484.70	510.20	-7.10	...
UK Equity	596.50	627.80	+11.60	...
Overseas Equity	499.40	525.60	+5.70	...
Americas	398.90	419.80	+0.30	...
Far East	599.10	630.60	+10.40	...
Property	220.30	231.80	+0.20	...
Fixed Interest	364.80	384.00	+3.00	...
Indexed Gilt	221.30	232.90	+3.00	...
Deposit	214.30	225.40	+0.10	...
NORWICH UNION LIFE INSURANCE SOCIETY - Ex NUAM Funds				
PO Box 140, Norwich NR3 1PP 0603 622200				
Managed Fund	£14.21	£14.96	+19.60	...
Eqty Fund	£30.86	£32.48	+53.80	...
Property Fd	588.90	619.90	-1.00	...
Fixed Int Fd	562.00	591.60	+5.80	...
Deposit Fund	344.40	362.50	+0.20	...
Intl Fund	246.60	259.60	+2.90	...
PEARL ASSURANCE				
The Pearl Centre, Lynch Wood, Peterborough PE2 6FY. 0733 470 470				
Inv Prop Dist	163.70	172.30	+0.10	...
Prop Acc (Gross)	329.30	346.60	+0.30	...
Inv Equity	£11.76	£12.38	+16.90	...
Inv Managed	839.90	884.20	+11.30	...
Ret Managed	962.00	£10.02	+9.50	...
For Prolific see Scottish Provident				

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
PROVIDENCE CAPITOL				
2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA 0256 768888				
Equity Fund Acc	287.90	303.70	+5.60	...
Fxd Interest Acc	230.90	243.60	+2.40	...
International Acc	272.10	287.10	+2.30	...
Managed Acc	225.80	238.20	+2.50	...
Property Acc	235.90	248.90	-0.50	...
Money Acc	152.30	160.70	-0.20	...
Spec Mkt Acc	233.80	246.70	-1.60	...
Japan Equity Acc	139.10	146.80	-0.20	...
N Amer Acc	153.90	162.40	+1.90	...
Pacific Acc	177.70	187.50	+1.70	...
European Acc	199.60	210.60	+2.40	...
PROVIDENT MUTUAL				
Six Hills Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2ST 0438 732000				
Managed Ord	476.00	501.10	+7.70	...
Managed Initial	324.40	341.50	+5.00	...
Equity Ord	710.60	748.00	+15.30	...
Equity Init	484.40	509.90	+10.10	...
I-Linked Gilt Ord	191.40	201.50	+2.80	...
I-Linked Gilt Init	136.20	143.40	+1.80	...
Oseas Equity Ord	394.30	415.10	+3.60	...
Oseas Equity Init	268.80	282.90	+2.20	...
Property Ord	275.40	289.90	-0.10	...
Property Init	187.70	197.60	-0.10	...
Fixed Int Ord	266.10	280.10	+2.70	...
Fixed Int Init	181.40	190.90	+1.70	...
Deposit Ord	204.50	215.30	+0.10	...
Deposit Initial	139.40	146.70	...	...
PRUDENTIAL				
Holborn Bars, London EC1N 2NH 071 405 9222				
Managed	335.20	349.20	+1.00	...
PRUDENTIAL INDIVIDUAL LIFE FUNDS				
1 Stephen Street, London W1P 2AP 071 548 3278				
Managed Fund	794.50	836.40	+14.20	...
Equity Fund	£14.64	£15.41	+35.00	...
Intl Fund	637.40	671.00	+7.80	...
Fixed Interest	538.80	567.20	-5.30	...
Property Fund	462.40	486.80	+0.40	...
Cash Fund	361.20	380.30	+0.10	...
Pacific Basin	387.50	407.90	+2.50	...
N American Fd	238.20	250.80	+3.00	...
Euro Fund	272.40	286.80	+4.20	...
Balanced Fund	155.30	163.50	+2.80	...
Strategic Fund	164.30	173.00	+3.00	...
ROYAL HERITAGE LIFE ASSURANCE				
Peterborough Business Park, Peterborough PE2 6GG. 0733 390000				
Mult Grow (45)	£709.90	...	...	...
-do- Acc	435.00	457.90	...	...
Op Prop	496.80	523.00	-16.10	...
Op Equity	894.40	941.50	-0.10	...
Op High Yield	552.30	581.40	+4.00	...
Op Managed	794.70	836.60	+6.40	...
Op Deposit	388.90	409.40	-0.40	...
Inc Gth	298.80	314.60	+4.00	...
Japan Smlr	302.20	318.20	+0.50	...
Managed Gth	262.90	276.80	+3.00	...
Gilt	77.10	81.20	+0.60	...
British	367.90	387.30	+3.40	...
Global Bond	111.40	117.30	+0.10	...
Global (35.34)	178.40	187.80	+2.20	...
Gold Share	94.50	99.50	-1.40	...
High Income	288.30	303.50	+1.20	...
Income	430.40	453.10	+6.70	...
Japan	483.80	509.30	+0.90	...
UK Smlr Cos	343.70	361.80	+2.40	...
Mngd Growth	469.10	493.80	+2.60	...
ROYAL LIFE INSURANCE				
New Hall Place, Liverpool L69 3HS 051 239 3000				
Royal Shield Fd	969.60	£10.26	+9.70	...
Royal Life Unit Linked				
Managed Fund	385.70	405.90	+3.80	...
Equity Fund	521.60	549.00	+1.20	...
Property Fund	339.60	357.40	+1.30	...
International	499.70	526.00	+4.80	...
Pacific Basin	315.30	331.80	+2.90	...
United States	254.10	267.40	-0.40	...
Gilt Fund	346.60	364.80	+1.80	...
SAVE & PROSPER				
16-22 Western Road, Romford, Essex RM1 3LB. 0708 766966				
Bal Inv Fund	754.80	798.80	+5.40	2.31
Deposit Fund (2)	366.50	387.90	+0.20	5.44
Gilt Fund	496.60	525.60	+4.80	8.31
Global Equity Fd	243.20	257.40	+2.10	...
Property Fund (46)	104.90	111.10	...	6.38
AG Bond Fund	158.30	167.60	+1.70	...
SCOTTISH AMICABLE				
150 St Vincent Street, Glasgow 041 248 2323				
Equity	578.10	608.60	+8.60	...
Fixed Interest	355.30	374.10	+0.60	...
Index-Linked	187.10	197.00	+2.00	...
International	480.50	505.80	+6.10	...
Property	293.60	309.10	+0.30	...
Cash	227.80	239.60	+0.10	...
Managed	467.90	492.60	+6.00	...
Cap Gteed Bd	110.60	116.50	+2.50	...
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE				
28 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF 031 556 9101				
Cash	179.61	189.07	+0.11	...
Index-Linked	153.60	161.70	+1.60	...
Fixed Interest	166.10	174.80	+2.00	...
Mixed	255.10	268.50	+2.90	...
UK Equity	238.90	251.40	+4.50	...
International	268.70	282.80	+2.60	...
American	245.30	258.20	-0.50	...
Japan	253.30	266.60	-0.10	...
European	266.30	280.30	+4.00	...
Pacific	388.90	409.30	+15.70	...
Technology	345.90	364.10	+6.10	...
Currncy/Currncy	229.60	241.70	+0.20	...

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
19 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YE 031 225 2211				
Property	221.60	233.40	+0.20	...
UK Equity	350.50	369.10	+7.80	...
American	240.50	253.20	-0.60	...
Pacific	383.50	403.80	+7.80	...
European	487.50	513.30	+8.30	...
International	316.30	333.10	+4.30	...
Fixed Interest	227.80	239.90	+4.80	...
Index Linked	186.90	196.80	+3.20	...
Deposit	192.10	202.30	+0.10	...
Managed	285.90	301.00	+4.80	...
Worldwide	124.80	131.10	+1.50	...
Pen Worldwide	132.60	139.70	+1.90	...
SCOTTISH MUTUAL ASSURANCE				
109 St Vincent Street, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6321				
Flex Fund (35)	£15.95	£16.44	...	...
Safety Fund	227.20	239.20	+2.40	...
Growth Fund	229.90	242.10	+3.90	...
Opportunity Fd	224.10	235.90	+3.50	...
Cash Fund	172.80	181.90	+0.10	...
European Fund	355.80	374.60	+5.30	...
Gilts & Fxd Int	191.50	201.60	+1.60	...
Index-Linked Fd	173.30	182.50	+2.20	...
International Fd	291.60	307.00	+2.40	...
North American	230.30	242.40	-1.70	...
Property Fund	132.30	139.30	...	...
UK Equity	242.90	255.30	+6.70	...
UK Smaller	225.80	237.70	+3.20	...
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT				
6 St Andrews Square, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 556 9181				
Mixed	268.00	282.30	+3.10	...
Equity	278.00	292.80	+3.80	...
International	295.10	310.70	+4.30	...
Property	234.00	246.40	-0.10	...
Fixed Interest	209.00	220.10	-0.40	...
Index Linked	171.40	180.50	+1.10	...
Cash	185.20	195.00	+0.10	...
Formerly Prolific				
Bal Gwth Mngd	802.50	853.80	+8.70	...
Cash Fund	336.10	354.20	+0.30	...
Property Fund	273.90	288.70	+0.60	...
Equity Fund	952.40	£10.13	-13.10	...
Fxd Interest Fund	443.20	467.10	+3.40	...
International	435.40	463.20	+6.90	...
High Income	705.50	750.60	+9.30	...
Far East	647.00	688.40	+7.90	...
North American	523.50	557.00	+5.70	...
Special Sits	634.60	675.30	+4.50	...
Technology	474.00	504.30	+1.40	...
Extra Income Fd	377.60	401.80	+5.70	...
Gilt Fund	460.90	490.40	+2.30	...
European	157.90	168.00	+2.90	...
Adventurous Mg	224.30	236.20	+3.30	...
Secure Mgd	145.40	154.70	+1.50	...
Equity Inc Dist	118.50	124.90	+1.90	4.70
North American	111.20	117.30	+1.20	5.12
SCOTTISH WIDOWS				
PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031 655 6000				
Inv Pol 1	966.90	966.90	+13.00	...
Inv Pol 2	879.40	925.80	+12.30	...
Inv Pol 3	841.70	886.10	+11.40	...
Inv Cash	310.90	327.40	+0.30	...
Mixed Fund	455.10	479.10	+7.10	...
Equity Fund	529.40	557.40	+9.30	...
Property Fund	245.00	258.00	-0.30	...
International Fd	512.10	539.20	+8.40	...
Fixed Interest Fd	358.60	377.60	+2.50	...
Indexed Stock Fd	188.30	198.30	+1.70	...
Cash Fund	225.60	237.50	+0.10	...
SKANDIA LIFE				
Skandia House, Portland Terrace, Southampton SO9 7BX 0703 334411				
Managed Acc	384.10	404.30	+10.90	...
Equity Acc	455.20	479.10	+19.00	...
International Acc	361.00	380.00	-4.30	...
Property	234.60	246.90	+0.20	...
Royal Trust Mg	243.70	256.50	+3.60	...
STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO				
3 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 031 225 2552				
Cash	266.00	280.10	+0.20	...
Equity	997.40	£10.49	+14.10	...
European	176.90	186.30	-2.40	...
Far East	181.50	191.10	-1.90	...
Fixed Interest	377.70	397.60	+3.90	...
Index Linked	199.50	210.10	+2.50	...
International	640.60	674.40	+7.10	...
Managed	707.10	744.40	+8.80	...
Nth American	140.90	148.40	-0.90	...
Property	363.40	382.60	+0.30	...
Pensions				
Cash	412.80	434.60	+0.30	...
Equity	£14.31	£15.06	+22.20	...
European	209.90	221.00	+3.30	...
Far East	147.20	155.00	-2.30	...
Fixed Interest	516.80	544.00	+5.50	...
Index Linked	276.70	291.30	+3.60	...
International	902.00	949.50	+12.50	...
Managed	990.30	£10.42	+14.00	...
Nth American	173.80	183.00	-1.30	...
Property	494.60	520.70	+0.80	...
Stock Exchange	222.90	234.70	+3.30	...
SUN ALLIANCE				
St Mark's Court, Horsham, Sussex 0403 232323				
Managed Fund	662.50	697.40	+6.50	...
Equity Fund	856.50	901.60	+12.50	...
Fixed Interest Fd	396.20	417.10	+5.90	...
Index-Linked Fd	302.90	318.90	+3.30	...
Property Fund	528.00	555.80	+0.40	...
International Fd	646.50	680.60	+2.80	...
N American Fd	230.30	242.50	-0.20	...
Far East Fund	243.20	256.00	+3.00	...
Deposit Fund	293.20	308.70	+0.20	...
International Bd	£88.30	...	+0.82	...
Worldwide Bond	153.70	161.80	+2.10	...
Worldwide Fixd	80.70	85.00	...	...
Worldwide Tech	96.40	101.50	...	...
European	174.80	184.00	+1.70	...
Phoenix Assurance				
Wealth Assured	657.30	692.00	+5.80	...

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Ebor Phoenix Eq	448.50	477.80	...	...
Property Growth				
Property Fund	£607.40	...	+0.90	...
-do- Acc	£567.80	...	+1.40	...
Agricultural Fd	£808.30	...	+0.40	...
-do- Acc	£726.50	...	+2.40	...
Abbey Nat Fd	£444.80	...	+0.30	...
Abbey Nat Acc	£471.20	...	+0.35	...
Investment Fd	£351.80	...	+3.30	...
Investment (A)	£337.40	...	+3.30	...
Equity	£12.44	...	+17.40	...
Equity Acc	£11.92	...	+16.60	...
Money Fund	£460.80	...	+0.40	...
-do- Acc	£448.60	...	+3.20	...
Actuarial Fd	£576.40	...	+5.80	...
Gilt-Edged Fd	£320.60	...	+5.30	...
-do- Acc	£370.60	...	+5.70	...
Retire Annuity	£12.36	...	+1.20	...
Immed Annuity	£320.00	...		
Bldg Soc Life	£223.80	...	+0.20	...
SUN LIFE OF CANADA				
Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414				
Growth Account	£14.27	...	+14.50	...
Managed Acc	£810.30	...	+3.80	...
Equity Account	£11.42	...	+2.40	...
Mngd Fund Acc	373.60	393.30	+0.80	...
Equity Fund Acc	498.70	525.00	...	...
Prop Fund Acc	258.60	272.20	+0.20	...
Fixed Int Fd Acc	290.30	305.60	-5.90	...
Money Fund Acc	218.80	230.30	-0.10	...
Indx-Lnk Sec Ac	194.40	204.70	-2.30	...
Pens Pens Acct	£18.51	...	+20.20	...
Pens Mngd Acct	860.80	906.10	+9.90	...
Pens Guarantee	244.80	256.90	+0.30	...
Pens Equity	325.80	343.00	+5.40	...
Pens Property	294.30	309.80	-0.40	...
Pens Fixed Int	272.50	286.80	-1.20	...
Pens Intl	250.40	263.50	-3.50	...
Pens Money	232.80	245.00	-0.10	...
Pens Indx-Lnkd	187.20	197.00	-0.30	...
SUN LIFE UNIT				
St James Barton, Bristol BS99 7SL 0272 426911				
Managed Acc	910.50	958.40	+13.10	...
Property Acc	340.70	358.70	-3.00	...
Equity Acc	£14.51	£15.28	+25.30	...
Fixed Int Acc	378.00	397.90	+1.60	...
Index-Linked Acc	190.50	200.60	+2.50	...
Cash Acc	308.20	324.40	+0.20	...
Amer Equity Acc	347.60	365.90	+1.30	...
Japan Acc	339.10	357.00	-0.80	...
Pacific Acc	382.40	402.60	+12.40	...
Far Eastern Acc	899.80	947.30	+18.80	...
International Acc	621.10	653.80	+11.00	...
Distribution Fund	278.00	292.70	[illegible]	5.98
European	206.10	217.00	+7.40	
TSB LIFE LTD				
Charlton Place, Andover, Hants SP10 1RE 0264 345678				
Managed Fund	283.30	298.30	+3.40	...
Property Fund	226.00	238.00	...	...
Fixed Interest Fd	216.00	227.40	+2.50	...
Money Fund	198.20	208.70	+0.10	...
Equity Fund	375.70	395.60	-4.10	...
TARGET LIFE				
The Exchange, 66 High Street, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296 394000				
Deposit	247.00	260.10	+0.10	...
Financial Ser 1	46.50	50.00	-0.50	...
Fixed Interest	312.60	329.10	+1.40	...
Gold	87.40	92.10	-3.40	...
Managed	627.60	660.70	-2.50	...
Mngd Growth	195.70	206.10	-5.70	...
Mngd Opp	208.00	219.10	-6.30	...
Property	327.10	344.40	...	...
Residential Prop	99.80	105.10	-0.20	...
TSB American	186.70	196.70	-2.80	...
TSB Brit Gwth	839.60	883.80	+11.20	...
TSB European	293.90	309.50	-0.90	...
TSB Income	392.10	412.90	+4.30	...
TSB Intl	434.90	457.90	-1.40	...
TSB Intl Inc	278.90	293.70	+0.90	...
TSB Pacific	455.20	479.30	-1.90	...
TSB Prem Inc	250.30	261.90	+2.50	...
WINDSOR LIFE				
Windsor House, Telford, Shropshire 0952 292929				
Managed Bond	689.30	726.30	+24.60	...
Money Fund	314.70	331.30	+0.20	...
Equity Fund	587.70	619.30	...	...
Fixed Interest	264.10	278.30	...	...
Property Fund	366.50	385.80	...	...
Gresham Framlington				
American & Genl	536.20	565.80	+5.60	...
Income	750.10	790.40	+11.10	...
International Gth	631.10	665.00	+11.30	...
Capital Fund	639.20	673.60	+3.90	...
Recovery Fund	681.30	717.90	+10.60	...
Japan & General	305.60	322.00	+2.70	...
Formerly AEtna Life Funds				
Squirrel	17.89	18.83	...	...
Bear	18.97	19.97	+0.32	...
Owl	19.75	20.79	+0.49	...
Bull	17.60	18.53	+0.28	...
Stag	19.11	20.11	+0.39	...
Gilt Edged	17.65	18.58	+0.21	...
Deposit	15.69	16.52	...	...
Pensions				
Squirrel	24.17	25.44	...	...
Bear	25.99	27.36	+0.44	...
Owl	26.98	28.40	+0.66	...
Bull	22.48	23.66	+0.35	...
Stag	23.82	25.07	+0.50	...
Gilt Edged	22.01	23.17	+0.36	...
Deposit	20.17	21.23	...	...
Pre 1982 Series				
3-Way Fund	568.32	...	+8.47	...
1982 Series				
UK Equity	332.48	349.98	+8.51	...
N Amer Equity	278.81	293.47	[illegible]	...
Far East Equity	421.09	443.25	+5.59	...
Fixed	277.40	292.00	+1.36	...
Cash Deposit	202.97	213.65	...	...
Property	155.93	164.14	...	...
Special Opp	370.55	390.05	+9.14	...
Managed	300.85	316.68	+4.71	...
Index-Linked Fd	181.90	191.47	+1.24	...

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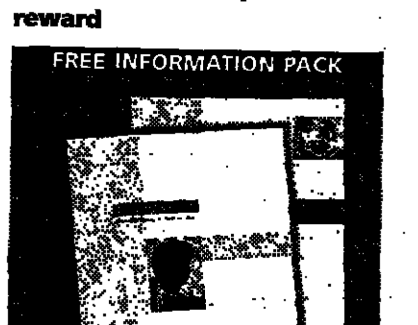
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■ Motorists travelling to France this summer should take a mixture of credit cards, traveller's cheques and Eurocheques in case their card is refused, the AA said. Some garages are refusing to accept British cards which have a magnetic stripe instead of a microchip, although the British cards are valid.

■ Yorkshire Building Society has launched a three-year savings bond with a fixed rate of 8 per cent gross, 6 per cent net. Minimum investment is £5,000 and the maximum £500,000. Savers can make withdrawals on September 30 each year but there is a penalty of 180 days' loss of interest. The Cheshire Building Society also has a three-year fixed rate bond at 8 per cent gross, 6 per cent net.

■ Deposit accounts with interest rates rising every six months or yearly are on offer from the Royal Bank of Scotland and the National & Provincial Building Society. The rate on the Royal Bank's guaranteed income account rises every six months over three years, starting on September 1 at 6.3 per cent gross, 4.77 per cent net annually and reaching a maximum of 8.5 per cent gross, 6.37 per cent net after three years. The minimum investment is £5,000 and the maximum £200,000. N&P's Escalator Options account will pay 6.5 per cent gross, 4.87 per cent net in the first year on balances of £500 upwards. The maximum rate is 10 per cent gross, 7.5 per cent net, on this balance. Higher balances attract higher rates.

■ The Norwich and Peterborough Building Society is giving a 3 per cent discount until January 1, 1996, off its current 7.89 per cent variable mortgage rate. It also has 4.99 per cent fixed until January 1, 1996. Borrowers must take buildings and contents insurance with the society.

WEEKEND LETTERS

Home burglary and Catch 22

From Mr Anthony M. Lorenz

Sir, Most insurance policies state that if one has an alarm, the alarm has to be on when the house is unoccupied.

That is acceptable as long as the house is actually unoccupied but what happens when a member of staff, inside the house, is the cause of the burglary? Many people who have substantial contents cover employ nannies, cleaners and the like.

Left on their own in the house, they find it extremely easy to go through the house, steal a whole load of items and then push through the front door to make it look as if a burglary has been carried out.

The insurers — I can regretfully say from experience — automatically refuse to pay out unless the victim can "prove" that their suspect, a member of staff, carried out the robbery.

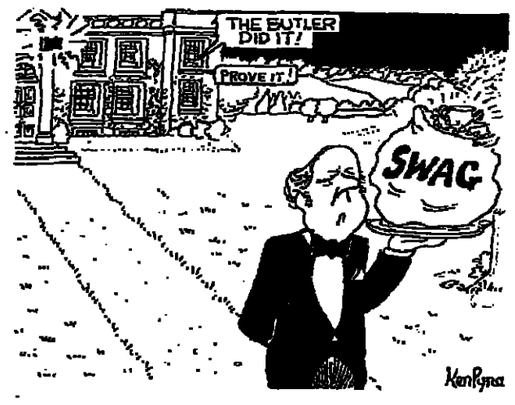
To prove it, you have to do all that is necessary in a criminal case, namely have fingerprints, a witness statement and an admission from the suspected employee.

I do not know whether you can imagine how difficult it is to prove what is basically a criminal case. The insurance companies find themselves in the convenient situation of being able to say "unless you can prove that the house was occupied, we will not pay out".

This is an absolutely Catch 22 situation for most people who have a contents policy and a clause in the policy stating that if the house is unoccupied the alarm must be on.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY M. LORENZ,
Kent Terrace,
Park Road,
Regents Park, NW1.

■ Readers wanting information on the Sun Alliance Action Group should contact George Bird at 7, Ledmore Road, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham GL53 8RA, (0242) 222210 or 222282



Short-changed

From Ms D. Bradley

Sir, Mr Smithers, in his letter to Weekend Money (July 30), has been far more successful than I when writing to chairmen of public companies.

Last year, being incensed at the attitude and tone of letters received from one of the larger insurance companies, with whom my company had been dealing for well over 30 years, I wrote a personal letter to the chairman. All I got was a reply from an area manager, saying that the chairman had asked him to deal with the matter!

Yours faithfully,
DIANA BRADLEY,
6 Ariel Court,
Ashchurch Park Villas,
W12.

C&G borrowers poorly treated in Lloyds plan

From Mr Anthony Verdin

Sir, While reading *The Times* and *The Sunday Times*, when otherwise completely out of touch in France, I became increasingly concerned that no voice of protest has been heard (or if it has, I have missed it) from the 370,000 borrowers of Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society who apparently have a vote but receive no benefit.

Since it is the borrowers, rather than the investors, whose interest income Lloyds is buying, this is illogical and unfair. If no borrowers' protest group exists, I am willing to co-ordinate one and would appreciate your publishing this.

Four years ago, I moved my mortgage from Lloyds to the Cheltenham & Gloucester because I thought that a building society was more independent and at that time was offering better rates. I have a fixed-rate mortgage and cannot withdraw it in protest without enormous penalty. If appropriate compensation were offered, I would consider acceptance.

If I understand it correctly, C&G now propose to take £180 million, which would have gone to borrowers, and give it to investors, who were already doing better from the deal. I see no merit in this and will vote against. I urge other borrowers to join me unless a more sensible proposal emerges.

Yours faithfully,
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Barclays	3.19	3.19	2.55	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-626 1567
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Lloyds	2.57	2.57	2.06	10,000-no max	1 mth	Local Brnch
"	3.47	3.47	2.77	10,000-no max	9 mth	Local Brnch
Midland	3.19	3.19	2.55	10,000-100,000	1 mth	0742 528655
" "	3.61	3.61	2.89	10,000-100,000	3 mth	0742 528655
NatWest	3.28	3.28	2.63	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-726 1000
" "	3.47	3.47	2.78	25,000-50,000	3 mth	071-726 1000
HIGH INTEREST CHEQUE ACCOUNTS						
Bank of Scotland M&C	2.62	2.68	2.13	2,500‡	none	031-442 7777
Barclays Prime a/c	1.51	1.51	1.21	1,000‡	none	091 2546236
Co-operative Current Acct	0.19	0.19	0.15	none	none	071 626 6543
Citibank	3.58	3.62	2.80	2,000‡	none	0800 555284
Lloyds HICA	0.38	0.38	0.30	500‡	none	0272 433372
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Abbey National HICA	0.75	0.75	0.60	1,000‡	none	Local Branch
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TSB Bank Inst Chque Acct	0.75	0.75	0.60	2,000‡	none	071-600 6020
BUILDING SOCIETIES						
Ordinary Share A/c	0.75	0.75	0.60	50+	none	——
Best buy — largest socs:						
B						
Nationwide	4.88	4.88	3.90	50,000 min	Postal	——
Birmingham Midshires	5.06	5.06	4.05	100,000 min	Postal	——
Bradford & Bingley	5.06	5.06	4.05	25,000 min	30 day	——
Anrod (Bristol&West)	5.14	5.14	4.11	25,000 min	90 day	——
Alliance & Leics	5.40	5.40	4.32	100,000 min	1 year	——
Best buy — all socs:						
Nottingham	4.85	4.85	3.96	25,000 min	Instnt	——
Bradford & Bingley	4.88	4.88	3.90	10,000 min	30 day	——
Nottingham	5.06	5.06	4.05	50,000 min	60 day	——
National Counties	5.36	5.36	4.29	50,000 min	90 day	——
Universal	5.48	5.48	4.38	50,000 min	1 year	——
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NATIONAL SAVINGS						
Ordinary A/c*	3.25	2.44	1.95	500-10,000	8 day	041-649-4555
Investment A/c*	5.25	3.94	3.15	20-499	1 mth	041-649-4555
Income Bond**	6.50	4.88	3.90	2,000-24,000	3 mth	0253 758151
7th Index Linkd†*	3.00	3.00	3.00	100-10,000	8 day	091-386-4900
41st Issue Cert*	5.40	5.40	5.40	100-10,000	8 day	091-386 4900
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Gen Ext Retirt	3.51	3.51	3.51			
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General Portfolio	7.00	7.00	5.95	50,000 min	4 yrs	071 404 5768
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Holmesdale	7.15	£3,214.50	60 day loss	£1	0737 245715
National Count.	7.05	£3,211.50	90 day loss	£3,000	0372 742211
Bristol & West	7.00	£3,210.00	—	£3,000	0800 303330

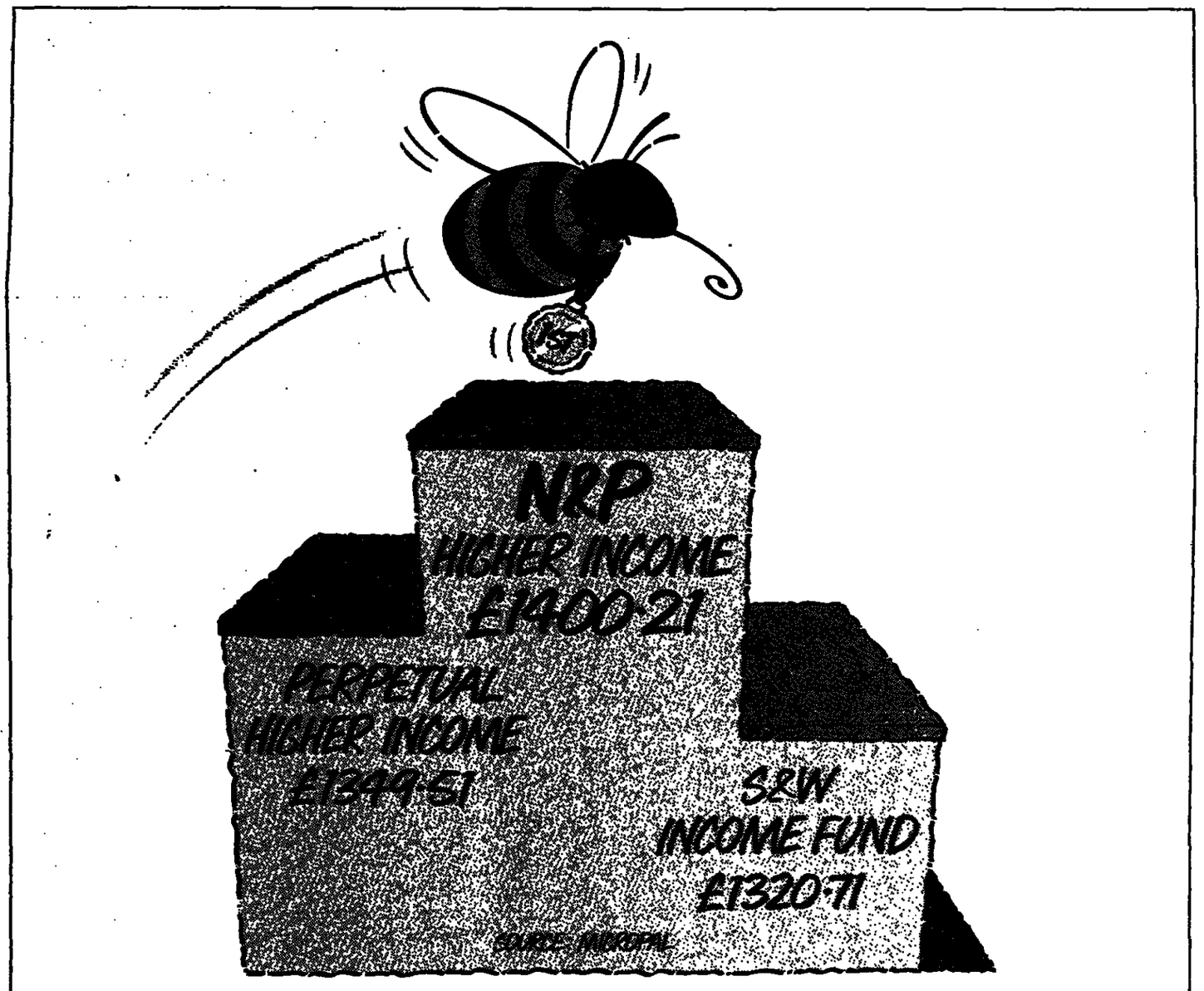
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Special Sits	279.70	295.30	+ 2.10	1.71
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	123.70	131.30	+ 0.40	0.53
Aust Acc	262.50	279.20	+ 3.30	1.93
Aust Inc	162.30	173.60	+ 2.10	1.93
Euro Gwth Inc	152.40	161.50	+ 1.30	0.84
Japan & Gen Inc	198.90	210.60	+ 1.40	..
Japan Spec Sits	92.35	97.83	+ 0.54	..
Univ Tech Inc	90.05	95.07*	+ 0.95	0.35
Worldwide	177.00	187.40*	+ 2.00	0.61

BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 66, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ
081 658 4000

American Growth	88.53	94.12	+ 0.40	..
Amer Smllr Cos	115.00	123.80	+ 1.20	..
Cash Trust	50.00	50.00	+ 0.03	4.10
Convertibles	97.05	97.01*	+ 0.01	5.40
Eastern	291.10	313.80	+ 9.10	0.10
Equity Income	86.80	92.34*	+ 1.17	4.90
European Growth	299.60	317.80	+ 6.70	1.00
Europe	222.40	237.20	+ 4.60	0.60
German Growth	70.75	75.29	+ 1.24	0.10
Global Bond	62.62	66.09*	+ 0.47	5.70
Global Growth	125.10	133.70	+ 1.40	..
Japan Growth	226.20	241.60	+ 1.30	..
Japan Smallrse	204.90	217.80	+ 1.10	..
Korea Trust	79.24	88.10	+ 0.16	..
Portfolio	133.10	142.40	+ 2.10	1.60
UK Growth	86.54	92.09*	+ 1.21	1.40
Uk Smaller Cos	99.96	99.21	+ 0.55	1.50
Select Managers	74.44	79.70	+ 1.20	1.10

BARRINGTON FUND MANAGERS LTD
Hill St, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 1HE
0256 841 188

Barrington Cash	100.00	100.00		4.10
Stabiliser Growth Range				
Controlled Risk UK	24.13	25.47	+ 0.16	2.89
-do- Europe	23.89	25.24	+ 0.30	4.34
-do- America	22.40	23.60	+ 0.12	..
-do- Acc Japan	27.78	29.28	+ 0.30	0.05
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	27.90	28.17	+ 0.26	7.36
Intl Bond	27.92	28.90*	+ 0.14	4.93
Income Funds				
High Income	26.21	27.58*	+ 0.27	5.30
Income Plus	114.40	121.70	+ 0.90	3.83

BARRY FUND MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 55, Belmont Rd, Uxbridge, Middx UB8 1RZ
0895 259 763

Gtnfund Amer	158.50	166.90	+ 0.20	0.12
Gtnfund Equity	239.90	252.70	+ 0.90	1.60
Gtnfund Euro	204.40	215.10*	+ 2.20	0.10
Gtnfund Extr Bal	115.50	119.70*	...	2.07
Gtnfund Gilt	71.54	73.76*	- 2.66	5.84
Gtnfund Japan	198.90	209.40	+ 0.70	..

BARTLEET UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
Bartleet House, 9 Bressenden Pl, London SW1E 5DN
071 828 9020

Bartleet Amer Gth	96.80	101.90	+ 0.60	0.10
Bartleet Balanced	97.10	102.20	+ 0.60	2.50
Bartleet Bond	99.30	104.50	+ 0.60	6.50
Bartleet Eastern	96.30	101.40	+ 0.60	0.10
Bartleet Euro Gth	96.30	101.40	+ 0.60	0.10
Bartleet Gilt	99.30	104.50	+ 0.60	6.50
Bartleet Income	96.30	101.40	+ 0.60	6.50
Bartleet Pacific	96.30	101.40	+ 0.60	0.10
Bartleet Prop	96.30	101.40	+ 0.60	6.50
Bartleet UK Gth	96.30	101.40	+ 0.60	0.10

BEACON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
Beacon House, Festival Square, Edinburgh
031 229 4477 Dealing: 0800 833 564

American Gwth Tst	38.53	38.00	+ 0.20	0.27
Cash Income	50.29	50.29	+ 0.01	5.02
European Gwth	41.22	43.89	+ 0.74	0.34
Income & Gwth Inc	37.88	39.60	+ 0.76	4.14
Intnl Gwth	31.83	34.04	+ 0.28	0.59
Japan Gwth	30.40	32.51	+ 0.15	..
Managed Tst Inc	49.08	52.49	+ 0.60	1.98
Oriental Opps Inc	148.50	158.80	+ 4.70	..
Property Shares	41.00	43.85	+ 0.12	0.31
Smaller Cos	30.53	32.65	+ 0.37	1.22
UK Growth Tst	25.71	27.49	+ 0.91	2.45
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	73.21	78.29	+ 1.41	1.24
Cap Hse UK Inc	67.13	71.79	+ 1.34	2.41
Exempt (G)	28.40	29.21	....	2.33
Formerly Brown Shipley				
Financial	143.90	153.80	+ 2.00	1.59
Foundation	92.17	98.57	+ 0.99	2.29
German	51.70	55.29	+ 0.89	..
High Income	74.07	79.21	+ 0.51	5.70
Income	136.10	145.50	+ 4.70	3.22
Mngd Pfolio Inc	101.70	108.70		1.07
Mngd Pfolio Acc	194.80	207.90		1.07
Monthly Income	92.60	99.55	- 2.06	3.09
North American	101.80	108.80	+ 0.30	..
Orient	150.90	167.20	+ 1.80	....

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH
071 606 0788

Cazenove Portfolio	81.48	86.66*	+ 1.59	2.35
American Portfolio	96.15	91.99	+ 0.26	1.07
European Portfolio	98.97	103.28	+ 1.96	0.94
Japanese Portfolio	75.19	79.89*	+ 0.20	..
Pacific Portfolio	144.15	155.00	+ 2.94	0.78
Uk Inc & Growth	74.12	78.35	+ 1.56	3.56
Utility & Bond	54.21	54.83	+ 1.27	9.15

CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD
6 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7BA 071 332 5000
UK General Tst | 64.36 | 68.45 | + 1.47 | 2.92

CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD
151 Farringdon Rd, London EC1R 3AD
071 557 7667

Intl Growth	138.14	149.99*	+ 1.88	..
UK Income	108.85	119.26*	+ 0.38	5.041

CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1
071 407 5966

Cnsistent UT	30.53	32.81*	- 0.05	3.29

COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD
1 King St, Manchester M60 3AH 0800 526 398

Growth	143.10	152.30	- 1.10	1.85
Income	71.35	75.91*	- 1.25	4.99
European	62.05	66.02	+ 0.81	0.59
Recovery	142.40	151.50	- 0.10	1.88

CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD
78-80 Cornhill, London EC3V 3NJ 071 283 9494
Equity Dist | 794.60 | 808.10* | +11.00 | 3.80

CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
0277 260 370

Fellowship Tst	69.85	74.30	+ 0.77	1.39
Income	231.10	246.70	+ 3.70	4.60
Smaller Cos	148.00	157.40	+ 1.60	0.85
Inv Portfolio	77.24	82.16	+ 0.58	1.46
High Income Pnt	64.46	70.70	+ 0.96	4.80

DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD
Eagle Ho, Bridgegate, London EC2M 5NS
071 377 8819

Euro Small Cos	£15.97	£16.35	+35.90	....
Japan Small Cos	£14.34	£14.62	+15.20	....
UK Small Cos	£17.56	£18.32	+18.10	....
US Small Cos	£15.73	£16.11	+14.30	....

DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS
66 Wilson Street, London EC2A 2BL
071 377 8819

Dist Inc	198.20	208.60	....	2.52

DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD
25, Rawdeston Terrace, Edinburgh 031 315 2500

European Gwth	257.50	293.40	+ 2.70	1.02
New Asia	222.80	237.40	+ 5.20	....
Japan Growth	138.30	147.10	+ 1.50	....
Japan Smllr Co	187.30	624.10	+ 5.20	....
Nth Amer	244.10	258.50*	+ 2.90	0.94
Shlfrd Asia Pac Ml	123.80	131.70*	+2.100	....
UK Inc & Grth	214.00	228.60	+ 2.70	3.12

EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LJ 0242 577 555

UK Balanced Inc	137.60	146.40	+ 1.80	1.83
UK High Inc Inc	149.60	159.20	+ 1.60	4.52
UK Fxd & Fl Inc	95.80	99.35	+ 0.44	5.28
Envrnmntl Opps	81.97	87.20	+ 1.05	1.08

EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD
97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh
0345 090 525

American	119.50	127.00	+ 0.80	0.98
Convertibles	21.66	23.01	+ 0.19	7.17
Edinb Income	126.20	134.10	+ 1.70	3.75
EuroFund	46.38	49.03	+ 0.49	0.41
Financial	47.02	49.96	+ 1.05	1.60
Growth & Inc	227.30	241.50*	+ 0.80	3.11
High Income	127.20	135.20	+ 1.60	5.68
International	403.70	428.90	+ 5.30	0.17
Int Cap Inc	96.73	102.80*	+ 1.30	2.53
Latin American	48.64	49.56*	+ 2.21	..
Pacific	85.80	91.16	+ 2.39	..
Preference Share	73.19	74.09*	+ 0.20	..
Tokyo	252.70	268.10	+ 2.70	..
UK Smaller Cos	224.50	238.50	+ 3.00	1.05

ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD
28 Ely Place, London EC1N 6RL
071 242 0282

Elcon Trust	210.89	225.13	..	1.03

ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU
071 373 7261

Endurance Fd	204.90	218.00	+ 3.00	0.51

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks HP21 7QN
0296 431 480

European	81.23	85.50	+ 1.62	1.80
Ethical Tst	45.99	48.30	+ 0.43	1.18
Far Eastern	319.28	336.08*	+ 5.91	1.49
High Income	133.86	140.91	+ 3.50	4.45
Intl Growth	118.89	125.15	+ 0.97	1.37
North American	105.35	110.99	+ 0.43	1.02
Pelican	116.71	122.85	+ 3.12	3.03
Smaller Cos	71.52	75.28	+ 0.71	2.19
Special Sits	90.05	94.79	+ 1.48	2.38
Tst of Inv Trs	188.29	198.20	+ 2.76	1.50

EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1
071 407 5966

Amer Smllr Cos Inc	209.80	218.60	+ 0.12	1.19
Smaller Cos Acc	364.37	379.55	+ 0.22	1.19
Recovery	53.38	55.60	+ 0.06	1.17

EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD
25 Cathedral Yard, Exeter EX1 1HB
0392 412 144

Balanced	107.43	114.29	+ 0.05	5.93
Capital Growth	84.47	90.58	+ 0.74	....
Fd of Inv Trsts	45.73	48.78*	+ 0.71	0.59
High Income	47.05	50.42*	+ 0.26	8.79
Warrant	60.26	65.50	+ 1.19	....
Zero Preference	36.07	38.27	+ 0.11	....

FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD
16 West Street, Brighton BN1 2RE 0273 220 707

Family Asset Tst	77.05	81.96*	+ 1.05	2.09
Family Income Tst	48.46	48.46*	+ 0.56	5.74
Family Trust	87.01	92.56*	..	1.05
United Charities	256.80	275.20	..	2.80

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD
130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ
Callfree: Private Clients: 0800 414 181
Broker Dealings: 0800 414 181

Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	.	4.10
Stabiliser Growth Range				
Controlled Risk UK	24.13	25.47	+ 0.16	2.89
-do- Europe	23.89	25.24	+ 0.30	4.34
-do- America	22.40	23.60	+ 0.12	..
-do- Acc Japan	27.78	29.28	+ 0.30	0.05
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	27.90	28.17	+ 0.26	7.36
Intl Bond	27.92	28.90*	+ 0.14	4.93
Income Funds				
High Income	26.21	27.58*	+ 0.27	5.30
Income Plus	114.40	121.70	+ 0.90	3.83
Amer Eq Inc	47.35	50.18*	+ 1.05	1.16
European Income	44.21	47.16	+ 0.66	2.23
Far East Inc	64.23	68.42	+ 0.22	1.77
Global Convertible	22.34	24.90	+ 0.29	2.59
UK Dir Grth	22.79	24.24	+ 0.41	1.55
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	63.70	67.95	+ 1.78	....
American	227.20	241.10	+ 4.00	..
Amer Spec Sits	104.70	111.70	+ 0.60	..
Japan Smaller Cos	47.67	50.85	+ 0.14	..
European	166.20	176.80	+ 1.90	....
European Opps	82.02	86.91	+ 1.10	..
Global Priv	24.04	25.49	+ 0.17	..
UK Growth	86.20	91.69	+ 1.47	....
Growth & Inc	144.90	154.10*	+ 0.80	2.70
Intl PEP	148.40	149.90*	+ 0.10	..
Japan Spec Sits	1068.00	1135.20	+ 0.80	....
Japan	250.00	254.60*	+ 0.50	....
Managed Intl	274.90	293.20	+ 3.20	..
Moneybuilder	53.27	56.65*	+ 0.75	..
Recovery	47.08	50.06	+ 1.00	....
South E Asia	155.20	165.00	+ 3.80	....
Special Sits	515.10	547.70	+ 9.20	....
Specialist Funds				
UK Index	109.00	114.70*	+ 3.00	2.44
UK Reverse Index	76.78	81.17	+ 2.48	3.84
Europe Index	161.10	169.40*	+ 2.40	4.27
-do- Reverse Index	99.98	105.13	+ 1.68	7.12
America Index	98.70	103.00*	+ 0.10	0.17
-do- Reverse Index	92.25	97.18*	+ 1.17	0.29
Japan Index	138.90	146.30*	+ 1.10	0.16
-do- Reverse Index	140.57	148.19*	+ 0.84	0.80
Cash Account Units	106.07	106.07	+ 0.07	4.10

FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD
20 Finsbury St, London EC2Y 9AQ 071 814 2900

Balanced	139.20	142.60	+ 1.90	1.40
Inc Profile	87.42	89.04	+ 1.99	3.77
Cap Profile	145.80	148.60	+ 2.70	0.66
General Opps	123.90	126.20	+ 1.70	3.15
Growth Inc	30.91	31.59	+ 0.74	1.91
Private Portfolio	401.30	409.20	+ 5.10	1.44

FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT
Admin. PO Box 2001, Brentwood, Essex
CM13 1AR Enq: 0371 464 4434 Dlg: 0277 264 010

Hypo Foreign & Colonial				
European	114.60	121.10*	+ 1.20	0.47
Far Eastern	178.40	192.60	+ 2.90	..
High Income	21.84	23.20*	+ 0.03	9.83
Oseas Income	93.48	99.88	+ 0.96	2.96
Uk Growth	111.80	119.60*	+ 1.90	1.38
Uk Income	104.10	111.00	+ 2.00	4.14
US Smaller Cos	283.60	303.30	+ 1.50	..

FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LIMITED
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NY
071 407 5966

High Inc Eqty	49.03	52.16	+ 1.16	3.23
-do- Inc Tst Inc	74.44	82.45	+ 0.66	2.42
Intl Growth	71.01	75.54	+ 1.48	1.19
Investment Trust	92.58	98.54	+ 1.37	0.14
Uk Smaller Cos	78.13	83.12*	+ 0.17	1.29

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3XT
071 374 4100

American Growth	50.73	54.17	+ 0.26	..
(Accum Units)	50.73	54.17	+ 0.26	..
Amer Smllr Cos	435.00	465.10	+ 4.30	....
(Accum Units)	444.40	475.20	+ 4.50	....
Capital Tst	314.50	334.50	+ 2.40	1.43
(Accum Units)	440.00	470.30	+ 3.40	1.43
Cont Smllr Cos	61.18	65.77	+ 1.18	0.47
(Accum Units)	64.33	69.16	+ 1.24	0.47
Convertible	121.00	129.30*	+ 1.30	5.12
(Accum Units)	258.40	274.40*	+ 2.70	5.12
Emerging Markets	80.54	86.04	+ 2.49	..
(Accum Units)	80.60	86.11	+ 2.49	..
European	121.20	128.90	+ 1.70	0.08
(Accum Units)	134.50	135.10	+ 1.90	0.08
Extra Income	326.00	346.70	+ 2.20	3.77
(Accum Units)	482.10	512.50	+10.70	3.77
Financial	119.30	126.10	+ 0.70	0.40
(Accum Units)	125.80	134.90	+ 0.80	0.40
Gilt Trust	61.28	63.19	+ 0.41	6.80
(Accum Units)	83.24	85.84	+ 1.10	6.30
Health Fund Inc	111.30	118.90	+ 1.90	....
(Accum Units)	111.30	118.90	+ 1.90	....
Income & Growth	192.40	202.50	+ 2.40	3.56
(Accum Units)	283.60	301.60	+ 5.10	3.56
Intl Growth	354.30	381.00	+ 4.60	....
(Accum Units)	393.50	423.10	+ 5.10	....
Japan & Gen	206.00	221.70	+ 0.90	....
(Accum Units)	206.00	221.70	+ 0.90	....
Managed Fon Inc	104.20	109.60	+ 1.30	1.26
(Accum Units)	110.40	116

Shares squeezed higher

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BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
523	381	Abbey Nat	398	+5	...	5.0	13.2
314	234	Allied Irish	262	+1	...	4.9	9.0
228½	179½	Aus New Z	198	+1½	...	4.9	20.4
3300	2637½	Bankamerica	3062½	...	...	...	...
319	246	Bk of Ireland	280	-1	...	4.7	8.1
247	172½	Bank Scotland	188½	+1½	...	3.4	15.2
640	487	Barclays	550	+2	...	3.4	23.2
37	13½	Carlisle	29½	...	...	...	...
630½	449	Cater Allen	505 ‡	...	...	1.1	...
180	130	Cattles	147	+5	...	6.0	∞
2628¾	1543½	Chase Manh	2334¼	-1	...	4.3	15.1
2912½	2262½	Chicorp	2700	-3½	...	...	...
285½	209	Close Bros	240	...	...	3.3	13.0
£150½	£121½	Commerzbk	£138½	-50	...	5.9	...
£341¼	£270¼	Deutsche Bk	£303	-10½	...	2.2	...
90	60	First Nat Fin	66 †	...	...	2.8	...
1549½	1152½	Fuji Bank Y	1485	-6½	...	0.4	∞
515	395	Gerrard Nat	471	+3	22.0	5.8	13.6
1113	660	HSBC	703	+4	...	3.7	11.5
1133	680	HSBC HK	808	+4	...	3.6	11.7
473	256	Hambros	313 †	+7	...	6.0	12.8
443	400	Joseph (L)	405 †	...	...	5.4	11.8
170	132	King Shaxson	134	...	...	8.4	13.2
693	424	Kleinwort Ben	522	+25	...	4.7	9.2
660	510	Lloyds	561	+4	...	5.3	10.7
118	95	Lon Scot Bk	113	...	...	3.7	17.2
620½	489½	Nat Aust Bk	527	+3½	...	5.4	10.9
522	421	Nat West	478	+7	...	5.2	10.7
573	415	Provident	488	-4	...	4.1	15.5
79	53	Rea Bros	58	+1	...	1.6	14.9
528	377½	Ryl Bk Scot	395	+7	...	3.8	17.9
1460	1050	Schroders	1313	-45	...	1.6	12.0
359½	223	Stand Chart	285	+6	...	2.6	12.5
291	197	TSB	208	+3	...	4.9	10.3
199	131	Union	134	+1	...	2.8	12.4
1012	676	Warburg SG	783	+20	...	3.5	9.5
£105	8612½	Wells Fargo	£102 †	...	...	2.6	...
260	194	Westpac	225	+4	...	2.4	∞
390	298	Wintrust	298	...	...	4.4	∞

BREWERIES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
683	540	Allied-Lyons	593	+6	...	4.7	14.5
619	485	Bass	573	+8	...	4.6	15.0
298	250	Boddington	269	-1	...	3.7	15.0
459	358	Bulmer (HP)	388 †	...	...	3.5	22.3
196	168	Burtonwd Brw	182 †	+2	...	3.4	15.2
181	142	Eldridge P 'A'▲	150	...	...	3.0	20.8
66	46½	Fosters Brewing	53	+¼	...	5.5	61.1
493	419	Fullr Sm 'A'▲	419 †	...	...	2.3	17.3
506	375	Grand Met	414 †	-5½	...	4.0	18.0
511	399	Greenalls Grp	438	-2	...	3.6	16.8
584	452	Greene King	500 †	+1	...	3.2	13.9
542	428	Guinness	447	...	...	3.6	14.5
291	239	Hardy Hanson	254 †	...	...	4.4	13.0
160	135	Heavitree▲	140	...	...	3.6	12.6
457	353	Highland Dist	439	...	...	1.9	20.8
3605	3125	Holt J	3605	+15	...	1.7	20.3
169	127	Macallan-Glen	168	...	...	0.8	46.4
615	365	Macdn Martn 'A'	615	...	...	2.0	25.3
246	195	Mansfield	228 †	...	...	2.4	∞
302	256	Marston Thmp	280 †	-½	...	2.7	14.5
624	544	Matthew Clark	622 †	-2	...	3.6	∞
250	113	Mrrydwn W	122	...	...	2.6	...
545	463	Morland	500	...	...	2.5	16.7
10½	8½	Paramount	8½	...	...	2.2	15.7
267	209	Regent Inns	237	...	...	2.1	24.1
1521¼	1000	SA Breweries	1215½	...	...	2.3	19.8
591	493	Scot & New	519 †	-8½	...	4.1	15.4
190	142	Taunton Cider	174	...	...	4.9	13.0
306	229	Vaux Group	242	-1	...	5.0	15.6
403½	324½	Wetherspoon JD	393	...	...	1.8	26.0
617	494	Whitbread	527 †	-2	...	4.5	15.3
589	493	Wolvrhmptn D	528	...	...	3.1	14.8
535	483	Young 'A'	503	...	...	3.7	19.3

BUILDING, ROADS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
205	135	Abbey	155	+10	...	1.6	∞
27	17	Albrighton▲	18 †	...	...	3.5	17.3
200	148	Allen▲	166	...	...	4.0	19.7
164	99	Amec	116	+½	...	3.2	55.8
454	333	Ashtead▲	402	+11	...	1.7	∞
165	109	Attwoods	122	+3	...	5.1	...
363	274	BPB Ind	347 †	+12	...	2.9	23.4
142	93	Baggeridge Brk	137 †	...	...	2.9	25.9
41	26	Bailey (Ben) Con	34	+½	...	2.6	20.8
88	18½	Barcom	20	...	...	10.9	2.4
60	38½	Bardon	42	...	...	6.0	...
292	188	Barratt Devs	200	+9	...	3.1	21.5
169	139	Beazer Homes	157	...	...	4.0	13.8
304	198	Bellway	217	-1	...	3.6	20.4
59	42	Bellwinch	42	...	...	...	...
244	125	Berisford Intl	224	...	...	...	...
573	391	Berkeley Gp	423 †	+5	...	2.1	17.6
215	118	Bett Bros	175	...	...	2.0	8.7
93	60	Blockleys	70	...	...	1.8	...
391	262	Blue Circle	320	+6	...	4.4	26.9
355	277	Boot (Henry)	305	...	...	2.7	15.5
76	35	Brandon Hire	70	...	...	2.7	∞
117	77	Breedon PLC	87	...	...	6.6	24.9
154	130	Br Dredging	140	...	...	5.0	17.9
98	78	Brit Fittings	87	...	2.0	2.9	∞
197½	140	Bryant	157	...	...	3.8	23.9
145½	111½	CALA	123	...	...	2.6	...
409	321	CRH	380	-4	...	2.5	19.3
70	31	Cakebread Rby	43	...	...	...	...
42	24	Costain	29½	...	...	...	...
185	143	Countryside	150 †	-3	...	3.4	33.3
120	85	Crest Nicholson	88	...	...	2.3	16.2
140	100	Cussins	104	...	...	3.6	12.6
30	19	Edmond Hldgs	25	...	...	1.5	...
350	223	Epwin	304	+1	...	2.1	20.0
82	57	Erith	68	...	...	1.8	38.3
473	373	Eve Group▲	373 †	-2	...	3.7	∞
60	37½	Galliford	37½	...	...	3.3	...
112	87	Gibbs & Dandy	88	...	2.5	3.6	∞
1028	863	Gleeson (MJ)	863	...	...	1.8	15.1
218	182	Graham Grp	196	-2	...	2.9	18.7
169	130	Hewden-Stuart	161	-1½	...	2.3	23.8
82	46	Heweston	82	+14	...	1.9	...
473	334	Heywd Wm	366	-2	...	4.4	24.4
144	96	Higgs & Hill	97	...	...	3.2	...
41	27	How Gp	37	...	...	2.5	...
32	20	Howard Hldgs	25	+¼	0.5	2.5	...
100	67	Ibstock	77	+1	...	1.6	...
25	6	Jarvis	9½	...	...	...	...
138	104	Keller	125	...	...	3.8	14.5
428	261	Laing (J)	303	+9	...	3.7	21.6
164	104	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	116½	+4	...	6.9	...
145	115	Ln Clydesdale▲	127	...	...	4.7	17.6
173	78	Lovell (YJ)	78	...	...	...	...
405	332	Magnets	350	+2	...	3.6	18.4
217½	138½	Marley	166	...	...	3.2	27.3
155	126	Marshalls	147 †	-1	...	3.6	18.0
253	196	Maunders (J)	243	-2	...	2.7	23.4
321	194	McAlpine (A)	215	...	...	3.8	31.5
76½	50½	McCarthy & S	57	...	...	1.1	...
560	384	Meyer Intl	450 †	+15	...	3.0	19.0
185½	95	Mowlem (J)	96	+1	...	2.6	...
202½	96	NSM	108	...	...	...	12.6
48	33	Needler▲	33	...	...	...	...
196	146	Newman Tnks	160	...	...	4.8	23.6
379½	229	Persimmon	257	-2	...	4.4	23.0
20	9	Phoenix Timber	13	...	...	...	...
1800	1450	Pochins	1600	...	29.0	2.3	22.7
198	131	Prowting	132	...	...	3.2	40.6
1079	805	RMC Gp	1008	+14	...	2.6	28.5
116	68	Raine Ind	88	...	...	3.7	14.8
40	23	Ramus▲	25	...	...	...	...
640	466	Redland	544	+4	...	5.7	28.5
108	70	Roskel	95	...	4.3	5.7	...
185½	125	Rugby Group	147	...	...	2.9	19.8
61	53	Secure Retire	53	...	...	...	...
64	50	Srrfld-Rvs▲	64	+1	0.5	1.0	∞
180	155	Sharpe & Fisher	180	+5	...	2.9	19.7
288	222	Sheffield Insl	271	...	...	2.5	21.8
330	233	Sheriff Hldgs▲	300 †	+2	...	1.6	22.0
157	94	Shanks▲	151	...	5.2	4.3	27.3
245	195	Smart (J)	213	...	...	5.0	18.4
5	1½	Starmin	1½	...	...	...	...
206	135	Tarmac	155	-2	...	4.4	...
257	154	Tay Homes	155	...	...	4.8	16.6
183	121	Taylor Woodrw	146	+2	...	1.3	35.7
780	598	Tilbury Dougls	605	...	...	6.8	63.5
60	36	Tonex Hire▲	53 †	...	...	2.1	...
370	274	Travis Perkins	314	-1	...	3.2	25.4
29½	14	Trencherwood	19	-1	...	...	...
40½	23	Try Group	25	...	...	2.5	...
28	21	Tudor▲	25	...	...	1.2	...
113	90	Vibroplant	101	...	...	4.5	∞
170	127½	Wainhomes	133	+4	...	3.9	14.4
74	50	Ward Hldgs	68	...	...	...	...
45	33	Waterhouse	41	+1	...	...	...
545	450	Watts Blake	510	...	...	2.9	21.9
225½	154	Westbury	167	...	...	3.9	18.6
7	3½	Wiggins	6	...	...	...	...
571	398	Wilson Bowdn	398	-4	...	2.9	15.0
259	185	Wilson (C)	211	...	...	2.4	20.6
249	151	Wimpey G	161	+1	...	4.1	24.1
30	16	YRM	17	...	...	...	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
740	583	ADT	680	+7	...	4.4	∞
443	253	Adam & Harvey	423 †	...	...	6.9	13.8
83	58	Air London▲	63	...	...	1.2	...
62	44	African Lakes	52	...	...	...	...
140	92½	Auto Sec	97	-1	...	...	12.6
162	101½	BET Ord	121	+2½	...	3.4	20.2
195	115	BNB Res	158	...	...	3.6	19.6
255	175	BPP	190	...	...	5.8	13.8
186	151	BSM	152	...	...	4.8	12.9
275	198	Barbour Index	200	...	...	5.5	∞
1½	1	Black & Edge▲	1½	...	...	...	...
236	161	Brit Data Mgt	178	+2	4.9	3.4	13.0
31	22	Broadcastle▲	28	...	...	4.5	13.4
79	58	Brooks Service	69	+1	...	2.7	...
117½	95½	CRT Gp	98	...	...	4.3	∞
238	158	Capita Group	175	...	...	2.0	22.2
59	30	Casket Plc	33½	-3	...	4.3	10.8
26½	7½	Chiltern Capital	22½	-½	...	...	...
85	56	Christie	60	...	...	...	...
423	292	Chubb Sec	334	-4	...	2.3	20.5
67	41	Corp Services	58	-6	...	0.5	21.8
47	31	Coutts Cnslg	39	...	...	...	...
179	140	Dart	150 †	...	...	3.1	16.0
235	212	Davis Service	225	-2	...	4.4	15.9
154	119	EW Facts▲	122	...	...	4.9	9.2
34	1½	Gardiner	19½	...	...	4.9	9.2
334	261	Hays	304	+1	...	2.3	23.5
290	220	Hogg Robinsn	240 †	+6	...	3.7	16.8
30	18	Holmes Protectn	25	...	...	...	1.7
365½	240	Hutch Whamp	302½	...	...	1.9	21.2
2696½	2096½	ISS B DKr	2451½	-3½	...	4.3	2.6
609	428	Inchcape	491	+15	...	3.8	15.7
165	160	IBA Hldgs	160	...	...	1.9	16.3
414	314	Johnson Clean	378	...	...	4.2	12.9
8	4	Lep	4½	...	...	...	...
376	283	Mitie Gp	337	+2	...	1.7	∞
1575	1156½	Manpower	1571½	-3½	...	0.8	...
85	65	Michael Page	85	...	...	3.1	20.9
132	90	Parity	110	...	...	1.7	28.3
115	87	Pentos▲	87	...	...	5.7	...
84½	60½	Proudfoot	62	...	...	7.1	15.3
415	310	RCO	310	...	...	6.2	10.6
121	97	ZEA	120 †	...	...	6.2	45.8
141	104	Reed Executive	141	...	1.0	0.9	...
131	105	Reliance Sec▲	128	...	...	4.7	∞
279	199	Rentokil	239	+4	...	1.5	24.6
184	147½	Rolfe & Nolan	175	...	...	2.9	27.2
292	242	Salvesen (C)	259	...	...	3.5	15.1
52	43	Scott Pickford▲	51	-1	...	2.1	∞
37½	9	Select Appt▲	15	...	...	...	...
307	243	Serco Gp	290	...	...	1.5	26.4
129	75	Sherwd Cmpt▲	117	-1	...	1.9	...
130	100	Sketchley	109	...	...	3.8	16.4
338	35	Warner Howard	332	...	...	2.8	15.7
30½	20½	Wills Gp	21	...	...	2.5	14.7

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
144	115	Allied Colloids	143	+2	...	2.1	33.0
1141	910	Amersham	1045	+2	...	1.9	21.9
3½	2	Anglo Utd	2½	...	...	...	...
£13½	£10½	BASF DM	£13½	+215	...	7.0	...
373	287	BTP	324 †	...	...	3.9	20.5
£15½	£12½	Bayer DM50	£15½	-34½	...	6.0	...
171	97	Blagden	117	...	...	1.5	59.4
131	98	Brent Chems	114	+2½	...	4.3	...
460	311½	Brit Benzol	374	+1	...	...	21.5
13	5	Cairn Gp	7½	...	...	4.7	32.8
199	153	Canning W	194	...	...	3.4	43.6
590	467	Courtaulds	541	+5	...	2.8	19.0
384	337	Croda	312	-2	...	6.1	10.8
133	95	Dorflex	95	...	...	3.5	∞
282	226	Ellis & Everard	253 †	...	...	2.6	19.9
58	36	Euro Colour	55½	...	...	2.5	16.9
[illegible]	37	Halstead J	[illegible]	+3	...	6.1	15.9
223	160	Hickson	165	...	...	5.1	...
£14½	£10½	Hoechst	£14½	-9½	...	2.1	18.9
277	154	Holliday Chem	[illegible]	...	...	4.0	68.7
862	724	ICI	794	+3	...	3.3	21.5
842	704	Laporte	730	+5	...	4.6	19.6
248	190	Leigh	75	...	...	...	...
76	46	MTM	54	+½	...	1.4	∞
2426½	1912½	Norsk Hydro	2412	-8½	...	3.2	13.1
625	461	Paterson Zoch	407	...	...	3.3	12.7
595	416	-do- 'A'	462	...	...	4.6	27.0
240	189	Plysu	189	...	...	...	...
349	265	Porvair	310	...	...	1.7	23.3
66	44	Sutcliffe Speak	49	...	...	1.3	28.8
490	361	Wardle Storeys	380	+12	...	5.7	19.9
723	570	Wstnhlme R	723	...	...	3.1	18.1
483	380	Yorks Chem	415	+2	...	2.5	19.5
336	258	Yule Catto	306	+4	...	2.5	23.4
869	672	Zeneca	811½	+16½	...	4.3	16.1

DRAPERY, STORES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	203	Allders	220 †	+12	...	3.3	17.1
410	330	Argos Plc	365	...	...	2.7	19.6
102	54½	Ashley (Laura)	72	+6	...	0.2	...
357	300	Asprey	315 †	-1	...	2.4	15.6
231	176	Austin Reed	230	...	...	3.0	12.9
168	142	Beattie (J) 'A'	142	-1	...	5.5	15.3
150	110	Bentalls	122	...	...	2.0	46.0
168	73	Betterware	95	...	...	3.8	9.2
48	36	Blacks Leis	48	...	...	6.0	∞
264	214	Body Shop	240	...	...	1.0	21.5
601	504	Boots	542 †	+5	...	3.5	21.4
12½	8	Brown & Jackson	9½	...	...	...	...
245½	210	Brown (N)	242	...	...	2.1	23.2
74½	51	Burton	60	-½	...	4.2	...
245	180	Cantors	192	...	...	2.6	26.7
520	388	Church	485	...	...	3.4	27.7
171	90	Clinton Cards	97	...	...	6.1	8.4
287	200	Coats Viyella	222	+2½	...	4.5	19.4
170	145	C'try Casuals	145	...	...	3.7	14.8
903	740	Courts Furnish	768	-5	...	1.0	38.9
210	155	Crown Eyes	175	-5	...	7.0	∞
137	87½	Dairy Farm Intl	97½	+1½	...	3.8	13.3
136½	97½	Dewhirst (IJ)	133	+1½	...	1.4	24.2
287	170	Dixons Grp	204 †	...	...	4.0	28.3
11½	7½	ERA Gp	8½	...	...	...	...
11½	4½	Eclipse Blinds	4½	...	...	4.9	...
580	530	Elys (Wmbldn)	580	...	17.6	3.7	∞
284	191	Essex Furn	202	...	...	2.4	32.3
287	217	Etam	287	...	...	3.3	20.4
558	494	Fine Art Dev	512	...	14.3	3.5	15.9
50	46	Fired Earth	48	...	...	...	...
725	680	Formminster	723	...	...	2.8	∞
190	124	French Conn▲	190	...	...	...	10.7
73	48	Gem SR	55	...	...	5.4	17.1
116	85	Goldsmiths Gp	108 †	...	...	1.3	19.4
653	549½	GUS	573	...	...	2.0	16.6
196	164	Hamleys	185	...	...	3.2	17.8
31	21	Hampden Grp▲	24	...	...	3.4	...
82	16	Hartstone	19	...	...	...	...
110	55	Heritage▲	55	...	...	...	...
91	64	Honeysuckle▲	73	...	...	4.3	10.7
218	178	Hse of Fraser	218	+3	...	2.9	19.6
211	173	Jacques Vert	187	-4	...	3.1	16.2
778	477	Kingfisher	510	...	...	3.7	12.5
88	61	Leslie Wise Gp	67½	+½	...	7.6	13.8
435	330	Liberty	400	...	...	1.5	49.2
380	277	Lloyds Chem	316	+1	...	3.1	10.5
184	137	MFI	152	+4	...	3.3	19.3
460½	380	Marks Spencer	421 †	-1	...	2.7	19.2
680	554	Menzies (John)	570	...	...	2.6	13.8
343	298	Moss Bros	327	...	...	2.7	15.9
261	214	Next	259	-1	...	2.7	19.2
71½	39	Oliver (G)	71½	+2½	...	...	76.9
335	253	Oriflame Intl	265	...	...	5.0	∞
37	22½	Pentos	24	...	...	...	...
268	169	QS Hldgs	170	...	...	3.8	20.0
62	25	Rhino Grp▲	31	...	...	2.0	11.2
209	157½	Rosebys	159	...	...	3.7	18.0
180	113	Sherwood Gp	116	...	...	3.1	11.5
132	110	Sears	121	+4½	...	3.8	20.6
46	23½	Signet Group	31½	+½	...	...	16.0
549	450	Smith WH	469	+2	...	4.0	15.1
21	11	Specialeyes▲	12	-1	...	...	...
252	205	Storehouse	225 †	...	...	3.1	20.0
198	146	T & S Stores	176	...	...	4.3	13.1
173	134	Tie Rack	139	...	...	1.6	16.5
265	215	Time Products	227	...	...	4.7	17.6
132	105	Usher (Frank)▲	105	-1	6.0	7.1	11.4
498	384	Vendome	498 †	+14	...	1.4	∞
44	34	Vivat	34	-1	...	4.6	8.8
70	34	WEW Group	36	...	...	2.1	26.3
79	42	Wensum▲	79	...	...	3.2	27.9
129	92	Wickes	97	...	...	1.7	23.2
91	54	Wld of Leather▲	91	...	...	...	...
195	139	Wyevale	139	...	...	4.0	14.7

ELECTRICALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	109	ACT Group	118 †	+1	...	5.6	11.0
296	248	Acal▲	275	...	...	3.1	17.2
634	478	Admiral	634	...	...	1.3	23.2
191	163	Alba	191	...	...	3.3	15.4
43	34	Alphameric	39	...	...	...	29.7
50	26	Amstrad	33	...	...	1.9	...
105	73	App Holo▲	96	...	...	...	...
39	24	Arlen	30	...	...	...	...
94½	78	Assec	85½	...	...	1.1	21.2
281	213	Azlan	213 †	...	...	1.8	∞
283	239	Beales Hunter	261	...	...	4.5	16.1
478	378	BICC	415	-1	...	5.8	30.4
536	411	Bilck	425 †	...	...	2.1	17.1
1100	637½	Borland▲	725	-50	...	...	...
380	305½	Bowthorpe	317	...	...	2.7	17.7
486	353½	BT	379½	+6	...	5.5	13.2
367	236½	BT P/P	260½	+7	...	5.5	13.3
20	14½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	19½	-½	...	1.6	14.4
79	55	Bonifield	70	+3	...	4.5	54.4
543	394	Cable Wireless	442 †	-3	...	2.3	18.8
35½	24	Chloride	30½	...	...	...	...
283	263	CML Micro▲	268	...	...	2.8	∞
182	105	Comput People	175	...	...	1.1	39.9
202	154	Cray Elect	182 †	...	...	1.5	∞
458	412	Critchley	457 †	-1	...	2.2	20.5
586	473	Delta	534	+13	...	3.4	23.8
663	446	Denmans El▲	585 †	...	...	1.4	16.3
538	400	Domino	535	+4	...	2.0	23.0
78	68	Dowding Mills	73	...	...	4.3	24.5
1635	1220	Druck▲	1488	...	...	0.9	∞
589	463	Electrocomponts	490 †	...	...	2.4	21.4
199½	135	El Data Prc	138	...	...	1.7	12.8
175	133	Electron House	155	...	...	2.6	∞
35	21	Emess	32½	-½	...	0.4	...
451	343	Eurotherm	395 †	-4	...	1.6	23.4
212	162½	FKI	190 †	-2	...	2.4	23.1
656	512	Farnell Elect	539	+1½	...	1.7	22.1
338	296	First Tech	338	+2	...	1.3	∞
283	200	Forward Gp▲	217	...	...	2.9	13.0
50	14½	Forward Tech	49	+1	...	0.6	...
353½	269½	GEC	288 †	-1½	...	4.7	14.5
191	119	Graseby	139	...	...	5.9	12.9
14½	10	Graystone	14	-½	...	0.9	...
193	126	Ind Control	133	...	...	4.3	11.9
388	268	Jones Stroud	315	...	...	3.6	∞
145	99	Kalamazoo	144 †	-1	...	2.9	∞
16	9	Kembrey	16 †	+1	0.1	1.2	∞
396	385	Kenwood App	372 †	+1	...	3.0	17.9
298	221	Kewill Sys▲	280	...	...	2.3	∞
105	75	Kode	98	...	...	9.6	11.2
35	17	Laser-Scan▲	22	...	...	...	...
149½	82	LIMS▲	92 †	-2	...	...	...
395	285	Lec Refrig	356	...	...	3.2	...
171	107	Life Sciences	133	...	...	3.7	14.0
314	256	Logica	283	...	...	1.8	32.6
52	46	LPA Ind▲	46	...	...	4.3	...
276	135	MR Data Mngmt	144	...	...	4.8	16.0
723	553	Macro 4	560	...	...	4.4	16.8
281	210	Mesvier-Sw▲	245	...	...	2.1	∞
1320	795	Micro Focus	1088	...	...	...	10.0
178	126	Microgen	130 †	...	...	7.0	13.0
48	31	Microvitec▲	43½	...	...	...	...
549½	482	Misys	485 †	+3	...	2.3	∞
494	185	Mitel	228	...	...	...	...
188	143	MMT Comp▲	176	...	...	3.0	18.0
315	250	MTL Inst▲	309	...	...	1.7	20.0
148	114	Murray Ent	122 ‡	-1	...	2.1	...
2746½	2300	NYNEX	2537½	-3½	...	...	...
128	83	Neotronics	83 †	...	...	3.9	18.0
56	53	Newmark (L)	56	...	...	...	...
415	279	Norbain▲	404 †	...	...	0.7	∞
87	47	Northamber	87 †	+2	...	1.1	∞
9½	4½	Oceanics	6	...	...	...	...
31	24	Orbis	25 ‡	+1	0.5	2.6	∞
358	277	Oxford Inst	296	...	...	2.1	17.2
84	60	P & P	68 ‡	...	...	3.9	16.9
98	74½	Peek	85½	...	...	5.0	22.1
£105	9950	Philips Fn 4%	£105	...	...	5.5	...
2050½	1400	-do- Lmp Nv	2050	-8½	...	0.0	9.4
440	236	Phonelink▲	293	...	...	...	...
342	293	Pifco	342	...	...	1.6	28.7
330	283	-do- 'A' Voting	327	...	...	1.6	27.4
123	70	Plessnet	123	...	...	3.0	...
121	100	Pressac	120	...	...	2.7	24.5
303	181	Psion▲	253	...	...	1.4	27.7
258	187	Racal Elect	246 †	...	...	2.2	20.3
50	33	Radamec	46	...	...	4.6	13.9
41	27	Radius▲	37	...	...	1.4	...
155	73	Real Time▲	155	+4	...	3.3	∞
311	229	Roxboro	265	-1	...	0.9	19.4
610	502	Sage Gp	582	+6	...	2.2	15.7
94	77½	Sanderson Elec	90	...	...	4.0	...
89	25	Scantronic	27½	-½	3.1	14.4	7.5
254	162	Scholes Grp	252	-1	...	2.5	26.2
424	310	Sema Gp	424	...	...	0.9	25.6
270	245	Servomex	245	...	...	3.3	27.5
49	37	Silverlines	37	...	...	1.8	22.0
94	63	Soundtracks▲	68 †	...	...	4.4	15.4
3225	2265½	TDK	2825	-75	...	1.1	∞
19	11	TDS Circuits▲	12½	...	...	...	...
170	83	Telemetrix	91	+1	...	1.4	10.7
295	191	Telspec	282	+1	...	1.1	34.1
1165	979	THORN EMI	1041 †	+3	...	4.1	21.2
203	133	Thorpe FW	203	+1	...	1.8	18.2
43	22	Total Systems▲	25	...	...	7.5	∞
303	215	Tunstall	215	...	...	2.1	15.4
354	256	Unitech	350	...	...	2.4	∞
16	8½	Verity	11½	+1½	...	...	...
31	21½	Vistec▲	24½	...	...	2.0	13.3
212	157½	Vodafone	189½ ‡	-3	...	1.8	24.8
483	395	Volex	430	...	...	5.4	18.3
31	20	Western Selecon	26	...	0.2	1.2	...
335	260	Wholesale Ftgs	274	+4	11.7	5.5	∞

ELECTRICITY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
717	537	East Midlands	667 †	-1	...	4.3	52.6
725½	566	Eastern Elec	692 †	+4	...	4.2	15.1
477	322	Hydro-Elect	373	+9	...	4.3	11.5
733½	534	London Elec	615 †	-6	...	4.6	9.4
850	635	Manweb	743 †	-1	...	4.1	8.9
767	547	Midlands Elec	688 †	+8	...	4.2	10.6
505	404½	National Power	474	+12	...	3.3	11.8
801	589	Northern Elec	723 †	-2	...	4.3	9.1
421	329	Nthn Ireland	353 †	+4	...	4.0	9.6
806	587	Norweb	721 †	-7	...	4.0	9.5
582	449	PowerGen	566	+14	...	2.8	12.4
486	337½	Scottish Power	390	+10	...	4.1	12.1
435	299	Seeboard	381 †	+3	...	3.9	10.1
825	591	Sth Wales	701 †	-1	...	4.6	9.5
743	551	Sth Western	671 †	...	...	4.4	8.9
745½	540	Southern Elec	671 †	+4	...	4.2	10.5
729½	532	Yorkshire Elec	655 †	-2	...	4.5	12.7

FINANCE, LAND

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
57	51	Aitken Hume	51 #	...	1.0	2.5	10.8
165	99	SWD▲	104 †	...	...	5.0	9.3
118	96	Baltic Plc	115	...	...	1.6	12.8
215	163	Biotec Inv	168	+3	...	...	...
757	623	Caledonia	735 †	+1	...	2.8	18.2
2600	1900	Camellia	2500	...	...	1.6	0.7
383	310	Candover	320	-1	...	4.3	...
465	367	Govett	392	...	...	4.8	6.3
250	185	Ivory Sime	231 †	...	...	4.1	18.0
428	175	Johnson Fry	190	+2	1.5	1.0	...
245	147	Lon Forfaiting▲	147	...	...	7.9	9.2
57	44	Manson	49	...	...	...	...
29½	8½	Nat Home Loan	17½	...	...	...	0.4
58	53	Newmarket	58	...	...	...	...
365	247	Rathbone Brs	274	+4	...	3.4	14.4
29	21½	Rutland Tst	24	...	...	4.5	13.2
363½	281½	S & U	336	...	...	3.9	10.0
114	82	Singer & Fried	88	...	...	4.3	11.3
1260	788	Sotheby's	813	...	...	3.4	35.1
188	131	STP Capital	156	...	...	2.4	9.6
224	175	Towry Law	176	...	...	3.3	17.3

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2019½	1628½	Amer Express	1800 ‡	-12½	...	...	...
154	131	Brewin Dolphin	152	...	...	4.8	11.2
229	157	Gartmore	176	...	...	2.8	20.3
1208	865	Henderson Ad	922	+9	...	6.0	14.6
251½	152	Invesco	186	+4	...	2.3	30.9
317	214½	Jardine Strat	251½	+¼	...	3.2	10.3
323	247	MAI	279	+3	...	3.1	15.2
117½	95½	MAI 5.9% Cv Pf	104½	+1	...	...	...
770	538	MAM	632	+13	...	4.5	14.7
1243	794	M & G	972	+18	...	3.6	20.4
496	342	Smith New Crt	391 †	...	...	3.2	3.5
65	25	Trio Hldgs	28	...	...	6.7	12.7

FOODS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
607	499	AB Food	600 †	+8	...	3.1	11.8
66	50½	ASDA Group	61½	+¼	...	3.7	12.6
368	265	Acatos & Hutch	316	+28	...	3.4	12.6
74	44	Albert Fisher	50	+1	...	9.4	11.1
306½	222½	Argyll	270 †	-1½	...	5.2	12.1
220	220	Banks (S C)	265	...	...	4.7	∞
398	305	Barr (AG)	354 †	...	...	2.4	22.8
72	56	Bensons Crsps▲	58	...	...	6.1	19.2
481	378	Booker	417	...	...	6.5	14.8
56½	48	Borthwick	53½	...	...	3.0	22.9
505	428	Brake Bros	428	...	...	2.0	15.9
43	24	Budgen	32	...	...	4.0	∞
178	156	CPL Aromas	175	...	...	2.1	16.7
545	407	Cadbury-Schw	464	+11	...	3.9	15.7
232	148	Carrs Milling	187	+1	...	3.0	∞
167	130	Cranswick	158 †	+1	...	6.5	13.2
17	11½	Cullens	13½	...	...	...	...
154	90	Dalepak	119	...	...	1.6	∞
543	389	Dalgety	439	+1	...	5.9	12.8
87	50	Daniels S	57	...	...	0.7	...
294	219	Devro	240	+4	...	3.3	16.2
101	60	Everest	62	...	...	7.5	11.5
394	350	Farepak	380 †	...	...	2.4	∞
8½	6	Farringford	6	...	...	...	...
85	68	Finlay (James)	76	...	...	6.8	14.2
105	87	Fyffes	96 †	...	...	1.8	16.4
371	193	Geest	248	-7	8.1	4.1	...
20½	14	Global▲	16	-½	...	3.9	14.6
68	39	Grand Central	39	...	...	...	...
194	119	Hazlewood Fds	145 †	+9	...	5.8	8.8
196½	151	Hillsdown	169	+1	...	6.5	13.5
29	16	Hobson	22½	+¼	...	...	...
211	133	Iceland Group	154	+1	...	3.1	9.6
111	93	ILI Group	96 †	...	...	6.2	∞
656	523	Kwik Save	602	...	...	3.9	10.5
359	138	Low (Wm)	359	...	...	2.9	11.9
117	85	Matthews (B)	112	...	...	2.8	17.9
18	10½	Merchant Retail	11½	...	...	2.2	...
141	99	Morrison (W)	137	...	...	0.9	16.0
246	206	Nichols (JN)	213	...	...	3.4	14.2
271½	197	Nthn Foods	211 †	+6	...	5.2	10.3
14	9	Nthmbrn Fns▲	12	...	...	...	...
232	180	Nurdin Peack	194	...	...	4.2	10.8
131	89½	Park Foods	124	+1	...	2.5	∞
81	62	Perkins Food	74	+8	...	7.5	12.4
141	109	PizzaExpress	122	...	...	0.5	25.8
5½	2½	Regina Hlth▲	2½	+¼	...	...	...
480	342	Sainsbury J	428	+3	...	3.1	15.1
96	73	Sentry Farm▲	76	...	...	3.7	7.7
122	71	Sims Food	94	...	...	10.6	∞
467½	392	Tate & Lyle	442	-5	...	3.8	11.0
254	200½	Tesco	242½	+2	...	4.0	12.6
198	162	Thorntons	186	...	...	2.6	...
238	145	Treats▲	226	...	...	2.3	18.3
434½	346	Unigate	380 †	+15	...	5.7	10.7
388	302	Utd Biscuits	336	...	...	5.7	14.3
21	9	Usborne	9	...	...	4.6	6.6
422	270	Watson & Phil	368 †	-1	...	5.0	14.7
49	34	West Trust	36	...	...	9.3	23.6

HOTELS, CATERERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
34	26	Abrdn Stk Ht▲	34	...	...	...	...
94	76½	City Centre Rest	76½	...	...	2.9	16.9
285	209½	Forte	236	+½	...	4.0	36.8
207	169	Friendly Hotels	171 †	+1	...	4.2	29.7
168½	142½	Jurys Hotel	146½	+½	...	4.7	∞
217½	153	Ladbroke	172	+2	...	6.4	25.3
109½	78½	Mandarin Orntl	89½	-½	...	3.6	23.0
31	18½	Ryan Hotels K	27½	...	...	4.7	15.7
1135	790	Savoy Hotel 'A'	960	...	...	0.5	...
92	60½	Stakis	88½	...	...	1.7	31.9

INDUSTRIALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
66	36	AAF Inds	45	...	...	...	...
544	413	AAH	420 †	+2	...	5.3	15.0
185	119	ADM	134 †	...	...	4.2	35.7
138	108	APV	114½	+1½	...	5.9	...
230	157	ASW	178	...	...	3.6	...
202	158	Adwest	178	...	...	5.1	19.1
20½	14	Aerospace Eng	16½	+1	...	5.7	...
312	223	Airsprung	230	-1	...	2.6	∞
230	192	Alcodra W	215	+1	...	3.3	22.9
11½	5½	Allied Radio	6½	...	...	...	...
330	283	Alumasc	330	...	...	3.4	17.8
73	39	Alvis	56 †	...	...	2.2	38.9
755	705	Amber Ind	755 †	...	...	3.3	15.7
65½	47½	Amberley Gp▲	58 †	...	...	2.2	∞
81	43	Aragen	49	-1	...	...	...
95	47	Andrews Sykes	47	...	...	...	...
383	199½	Antofagasta	313	-2	...	1.3	25.3
62	48	Armour	50	...	...	4.2	11.6
175	168	Ash & Lacy	170	...	...	4.7	20.6
6	3	Ass Br Eng	4½	...	...	1.5	54.9
639	474	Avon Rubber	610	...	...	3.4	28.5
297½	249	Assoc Nursg	251 ‡	...	...	1.0	∞
553	490	Atlas Equip	533	...	...	5.2	18.5
96	66	Ayrshire Metal	96	...	1.5	2.0	...
236	180	BBA	205	-5	...	4.6	...
163	115	BLP Group▲	155	...	...	0.8	42.5
45½	24½	BM Gp	45½	+2	...	...	...
767	627	BOC	754	-11	...	3.8	31.8
86½	60½	BSG	71	...	...	5.6	44.4
578	495	BSS Group	545	+18	...	4.1	22.7
401	344	BTR	389	+3	...	3.9	20.2
176	138	BWI	148	...	...	5.7	18.7
40½	26½	Babcock	32	...	...	...	...
11	6½	Bailey (CH)	7½	...	...	...	...
270	216	Baird (Wm)	234	...	...	4.8	18.6
569½	368½	Barlow	468½	...	...	0.7	...
81	64	Baynes (Charles)	76	+1	...	2.7	20.8
25½	17	Bearing Power	18	...	...	5.2	11.4
95	23	Beauford	24	...	...	...	...
35	28	Bedford (W)▲	31	...	...	...	...
15½	12	Benson Group	14½	+½	...	2.5	11.2
393	243	Bespak	246 †	...	...	5.2	∞
91	49	Bibby (J)	55	...	...	4.5	...
226	143	Billam (J)	145	...	...	4.6	9.0
38	26	Bilston Buxsen▲	37	...	...	...	...
10	3½	Bimec Ind	6½ #	...	...	...	...
283	243	Birkby	275 †	+2	...	2.7	∞
44	30	Black Arrow	43	...	...	7.9	∞
283	233	Black (Peter)	276	+8	3.8	1.8	21.6
235	135½	Bluebird Toys▲	213	-3	...	2.3	9.0
329	263	Bodycote	300	+1	...	2.2	21.3
40	31	Bogod 'A'	31	...	...	2.9	∞
69	43	Booth Inds	67	...	...	...	...
28½	17	Boustead	26 †	-1	...	3.0	...
524	409	Bowater	470	+9	...	3.3	17.6
1809½	1378½	Bowater Inc	1784½	-3½	...	...	...
297	252	Boxmore Intl▲	274	+4	...	1.8	17.5
20	15	Brasway	17	...	...	4.0	∞
348	288	Brammer	338	+3	...	4.8	22.0
31	19	Bridgend Gp	20 †	...	...	1.2	∞
166	120	Bridon	166	...	...	3.0	...
88	74	Bridport-Gndry	88	...	...	3.2	...
57½	44½	Brierley Inv	50½	...	...	8.6	9.7
235	190	Br Bldg & Eng	195	...	...	5.1	16.4
124	87	Br Bloodstock▲	92	...	...	...	...
515	435	Br Polythene	445	...	...	3.2	15.6
162	121½	Br Steel	157½	+1	...	1.6	58.3
176	109	Br Thornton	109 †	-5	...	6.9	∞
309	233	Br Vita	270	...	...	3.4	22.7
180½	136½	Britton Grp	152 ‡	...	...	2.1	22.4
940	773½	Broken Hill	940	+14	...	2.1	40.2
125	86½	Bromsgrve Ind	95 †	+2	...	5.9	12.0
18½	9½	Brooke Tool	13½	...	...	...	...
71	46	Brown & Tawse	51	...	...	...	...
186	135	Bullough	161 †	+4	...	4.7	26.5
16	8	Business Tech▲	9½	...	...	...	...
22	14	CI Group	15	...	...	4.2	61.2
54	31	Campbell & Arm	37	...	...	...	...
39	26	Cannon St	31½	+1½	...	...	12.0
488	405	Cantab Pharms	405	...	...	...	...
278	254	Cape	262 †	...	...	5.2	16.6
455	278	Caradon	306	-1	...	3.6	23.0
215½	139½	-do- pf	149	-½	7.2	6.1	...
293	252	Carclo Eng	252 †	...	...	4.5	16.5
10	6	Care UK	6½	...	...	...	...
2449½	1890½	Carnaud MB	2156½	-43½	...	2.2	16.7
104	80	Cassidy Bros▲	86 †	...	...	4.0	11.0
273	220	Castings	273 †	...	...	2.4	∞
66	32½	Cathay Intl	35	-1	...	...	...
233	191	Celltech	207	...	...	...	...
230	155	Chamberlin Hill	155	...	...	5.2	9.8
779½	636½	Charter	737 ‡	-5	...	3.8	21.0
360	273	Chemring	297	...	...	3.9	15.7
62	46	Cidelfein Gp▲	58	...	...	7.7	11.4
246	152	Christies Int	179	...	...	1.4	31.0
80	60	Clayhithe	66 †	+2	...	5.0	∞
688	403	Cohen (A)	510	...	3.4	0.8	...
297	232	Community H	237	...	...	3.9	13.5
263	206	Concentric	210	...	...	3.5	17.4
310	240	Cook (Wm)	274	...	...	3.5	12.9
285	220	Cookson	248	-3	...	3.2	26.7
110	81	Copymore▲	105	...	...	4.8	14.9
167	146	Crowell Pkr 'A'	148	...	...	4.8	20.0
157	109	Cosalt	136 †	+6	...	5.7	...
285	215	Creighton Nt▲	220 †	...	...	4.4	∞
44	31	CrestaCare	34	...	...	2.8	...
2062½	19½	Dana	1762½	-125	...	...	...
388	305	Danka Bs Sys	345	-4	...	0.5	29.4
296	220	David Brown	241	...	...	3.3	17.0
1031	825	De La Rue	956 †	-4	...	2.6	20.4
52	36½	Dinkie Heel	37	...	...	4.7	9.7
628	460½	Diploma	485	+1	...	3.2	19.4
97	70	Dobson Park	85 †	...	...	3.5	16.8
134	102	Dyson (J&J)	112	...	5.0	5.6	20.6
97	78	-do- 'A'	90	...	...	5.0	∞
16	13	EFG	14½	...	0.1	0.9	9.5
442	364	EIS	375	...	...	4.1	15.1
25	15	Elbief	19	...	...	...	...
53	41	Eleco	42	...	...	...	...
3756½	2300	Electrolux 'B'	3300	-3½	...	1.6	57.3
91	69	Ellion (B)	85	...	...	1.5	13.0
447½	321	Eng China Cl	396	+6	...	5.1	23.1
146	103	Environmed	108 †	...	...	0.2	...
3662½	2737½	Ericsson 'B'	3515½	-28½	...	1.1	31.1
86	56	Eurocopy	57 †	...	...	3.9	16.8
103	60	Expamet	103	+5	...	3.0	73.0
392	334½	Fairey Group	392	+1	...	1.9	20.7
145	109	Fenner	135 †	+4	...	0.4	...
110	82	Ferraris Group	88	...	...	3.0	13.0
45	40	Ferrum	40	...	...	...	...
78	50	Fife Indmar	56	...	...	6.1	8.2
157	113	Fisons	148	+1	...	3.6	...
60	37	Fitzwilton	40 ‡	...	...	11.3	...
298	263	Flogas	298	...	...	2.8	∞
51	38	Folkes Group nv	42	...	1.5	4.5	...
126	94	French (Thomas)	95 †	...	...	4.8	18.6
264	220	Fron Group	228	...	...	2.7	24.1
88	77	GEI Int	84 †	...	...	2.2	23.6
651	510½	GKN	651	+7	...	3.0	30.1
79	49	GR Hldgs	55	...	...	4.1	...
134	91	Garton Eng	107	...	...	5.3	28.9
191	136	Gestetner	145	...	...	2.1	...
66	49	Glees	62	...	...	2.0	39.8
728	520	Glaxo	600	-3	...	5.0	14.2
46	35½	Glenchewton	37	...	...	...	...
404	334	Glynwed	381	-9	...	3.9	27.5
309	125	Goode Durrant	199 †	+1	...	3.8	15.6
185	143	Grampian Hd	147	...	...	4.7	56.8
598	487	Granada	533 ‡	-4	...	2.1	21.0
709	452	Great Sthrn▲	709	...	...	2.5	25.3
85	71	Green (Ernst)▲	71	...	...	12.3	13.0
15½	11½	Greencare	11½	...	...	3.5	16.1
84½	61	Haden MacLn	79	...	...	3.2	20.4
122	90	Hadleigh	112	...	...	2.3	∞
76	59	Halkin Hldgs	62	...	...	...	48.4
330	149	Hall Eng	181	...	...	6.6	10.4
256	204	Halma	224 †	...	...	1.3	26.3
71	47	Hampson Ind	68 †	+2	...	3.7	∞
302	233½	Hanson	262½	-1½	...	5.7	23.5
161	122	Harris (Philip)	156	-1	...	5.5	19.3
220	152	Harrison Crsfld	184½	+2	...	6.2	22.5
179	121	Havelock Euro	177	...	...	1.4	21.0
48	30	Hay (Norman)	30	...	...	...	...
50	33	Headway	35	...	...	2.5	...
511	307	Hepworth	340	+5	...	5.5	17.7
205	154	Hewitt (J)	157	...	...	2.6	...
75	52	High-Point	53	...	0.5	1.2	...
184½	148	Hill & Smith	156 †	...	...	4.7	17.9
191	111	Holders Tech▲	118 †	...	...	6.4	12.8
63	39	Hopkinsons	58	-1	...	2.8	...
216	176	Hornby▲	189	...	...	6.0	17.3
103	78	Howden	98	+1	...	3.2	∞
280	234	Hozelock	273	...	...	2.7	19.4
265	190	Hunting	190	...	...	6.6	37.6
513	402	[illegible] Tec▲	428	...	...	1.3	24.7
379	298	IMI	336	+4	...	3.7	28.5
138	110	ISA Intl	122	...	...	1.7	16.4
165	90	Intercare Gp▲	51 †	...	...	8.6	5.4
325	284	Isotron	290	...	4.4	1.9	16.3
710	409½	Jardine Math	510½	-2	...	2.8	12.1
628	488	Johnson Matth	588	-2	...	2.4	23.4
51	37	Johnson & FB	41	...	...	1.1	...
289	149	Johnston	289	...	...	0.9	...
32	25	Jones Shipman	26	...	...	...	...
36	27½	Jourdan (T)	28	...	...	4.5	22.8
191½	148½	Kalon	164½	-1	...	3.2	16.6
301	230	Kelsey Ind	280	...	...	3.6	...
855	730	Kenshaw (A)	855 †	...	...	4.0	44.0
276	197	Kleeneze	205	...	...	0.6	45.5
437	341	Laird	437	+9	...	3.1	20.6
170	145	Lilleshall	150	...	...	3.6	16.3
229	205	Lincat▲	210	...	...	3.7	14.8
400	313	Linton Park	398	...	...	4.7	∞
14	6½	Lionheart	7	...	...	5.4	15.9
20½	15	Locker (T) A	15½	...	...	1.6	∞
152½	74	Lon Intl	101 †	+1	...	...	...
175½	124½	Lonrho	136½ †	...	...	3.7	37.5
436	364	Low & Bonar	433	...	...	3.0	17.2
49	41	ML Hldgs	45 †	-1	...	2.4	15.6
67	49	MS Intl	49 †	...	...	6.4	29.6
70	45	MY Holdings	55	...	...	3.4	13.5
271	223	Macfarlane	244	...	...	2.0	22.2
539	431	McKechnie	486	+1	...	3.8	23.3
127	100	McLeod Russel	116	+2	...	6.6	18.1
104	70	Magnolia	73	...	...	0.2	...
163	129	Mang Bronze	142	...	...	3.1	16.0
26	18½	Marling	23	+2	...	3.6	40.4
231	167	Mayborn▲	167	...	...	4.3	11.7
64	53	Mayflower	61	...	...	2.8	24.8
187	120	Medeva	135	-3	...	2.5	11.7
120	77½	Meggitt	83	...	...	5.9	12.4
120	101	Metalrax	102	...	...	4.5	16.9
128	99	Metrotect	103 †	+1	...	4.2	∞
133	99	Metsec▲	131	...	...	1.9	18.2
124	85	Midsummer	87	...	...	1.1	12.1
589	548	Molins	567	...	...	3.4	11.4
408	326	Morgan Cble	359	-1	...	4.4	18.1
217	176	Morris Ashby▲	207 †	...	...	3.6	∞
51	34	Neepsend	36	...	...	4.4	16.5
80	45	Nestor-BNA	45	...	...	6.8	30.1
274	214	Nobo Gp	242 †	-1	...	3.1	∞
212½	120	Norcros	133	+1	...	6.6	23.8
35	30	Nova Group	30	...	...	4.6	9.6
49	43	OMI Intl	54½	...	...	4.0	∞
175	160	PCT▲	165	...	7.2	3.5	∞
91	66	Pacer Systems▲	84	...	...	5.8	27.7
46	31	Pascoe's	40	...	...	...	...
123	84	Pentland	97	...	...	3.6	21.1
310	220	Photo-Me	235	...	4.7	2.5	14.1
208	162	Pilkington	195 †	...	...	2.6	...
53	38	Plant & Gen	51	+2	1.5	3.7	∞
110	82	Plantsbrook	99	+2	...	4.3	11.7
185	129	Polypipe	148	...	...	1.8	19.0
34	16	Porter Chadbrn	34	...	...	...	...
341	218	Powerscreen	290	...	...	3.1	13.0
23½	16½	Prospect Inds	17½	...	...	5.8	9.4
77	56	RPS Group▲	61	...	...	4.9	12.6
108	82	Radiant Metal	85	-5	...	...	...
174	129	Ramco Egy▲	164	...	...	0.4	...
447½	355½	Rank Org	404 †	-5	...	3.9	25.9
48	13	Ransomes	47	+2	...	...	...
723	551	Reckitt Coln	621	...	...	3.5	15.5
95	70	Record	89	...	...	5.1	20.0
5½	3½	Reece	3½	...	...	...	...
291	211	Relyon	217	...	...	3.0	39.6
308	268	Renishaw	285	+2	...	2.9	35.8
180	126	Renold	180 †	...	...	1.7	∞
539½	424	Reuters	485	-10	...	1.8	24.2
90	74	Rexmore	88	...	...	3.6	∞
194	138	Ricardo Group	158	+6	...	4.6	18.5
73	57	Richard (Leics)	57	...	...	4.9	40.8
104½	82½	Richardson West	87	...	...	4.6	17.6
164	118½	Ropner	138	...	...	6.8	13.9
34	15	Ross Gp	15½	...	...	3.2	...
195	157	Rotork	167	+3	...	3.3	17.6
190	137	Rubicon	140	...	...	4.2	∞
91	62	Russell (A)	88	...	...	2.5	31.3
42	34½	SEP Indl	40 †	...	...	2.8	18.8
1459½	1087½	SKF 'B'	1281½	+12½	...	...	...
272	186	Scapa	217 †	...	...	3.4	18.5
230	168	Scholl	171	+2	...	4.7	13.9
291	242	Scotia	265	...	...	...	...
1350	1146	Securicor	1340	...	...	0.5	33.2
1036	785	-do- 'A'	879	...	...	0.4	21.7
902	606	Security Serv	691	...	...	1.1	21.8
150½	89½	Senior Eng	133½	-2	...	3.1	21.6
346	291	Seton Health	346	+7	...	2.3	17.6
180	138	Shiloh	153	...	...	2.9	10.1
358	270	Sidlaw	220	-1	...	5.0	13.2
630	517	Siebe	620 †	+8	...	2.2	19.9
378	194	Silentnight	206	...	...	4.9	11.8
178	137	Sime Darby	179	-1	...	2.7	19.7
130½	75	Simon Eng	114	...	...	...	...
244	186	Sinclair (Wm)	191	...	...	4.6	15.5
70	35	Six Hundred	70	...	...	2.7	...
159½	136½	Smith & Neph	158½	+½	...	3.9	17.6
443	357½	SmithKline	427	+2	...	3.2	16.5
407	322	SmithKline Uts	378	-3	...	3.6	14.6
527½	429	Smiths Ind	499	+9	...	3.1	19.6
104	41	Sino Bus	46 †	...	...	10.1	4.4
243	155½	Spandex▲	238	...	...	1.2	22.3
1130	420	Spear (JW)	1130	...	...	2.1	19.2
437	337	Spirax-Sarco	413	...	...	3.0	20.1
81½	45	Spring Ram	46	+1	...	1.4	...
267	197	Staveley	224 †	+2	...	4.7	65.5
243	197	Sterling Ind	236 †	...	...	3.3	21.2
220	180	Suter	200	+1	...	5.8	17.7
604	440½	Swire Pacfc 'A'	550½	+2½	...	1.7	∞
77	48	Sykes-Pick	75	...	...	4.4	38.3
178	149	Sylone	158 †	...	...	3.9	∞
455	351	TI	400	-12	...	3.6	21.9
44	31	TLS Range▲	35	...	...	1.8	38.9
389	330	TT Group	364	...	...	2.3	∞
292	192	Takare	228	...	2.0	1.1	19.9
852½	656	Takeda Chem	781½	-10½	...	0.8	14.4
101	92	Tinsley (E)▲	92 †	...	...	7.6	∞
220	201	Titon▲	205	...	...	3.6	17.3
283	213	Tomkins	240 †	+6	...	3.5	15.5
124	74½	Trafalgar H	89	-1	...	1.4	...
105	83	Transfer Tech	71	...	...	5.8	7.6
163	130	Triplex Lloyd	149½ †	...	...	5.9	∞
318	252	UniChem	296	+5	...	2.7	16.7
440	345	Unidare	365	...	...	4.0	14.4
54	35	Unigroup	45	...	...	...	...
1247	958	Unilever	1067	+16	25.0	2.9	15.4
8118½	6496½	Unilever (NV)	7140½	...	...	3.0	14.5
18½	12	Utd Inds	15½	...	...	...	...
1093	816	VSEL	993 †	-1	...	4.7	8.4
31½	14½	Verson	18½	...	...	...	...
204	166	Vickers	188	+1	...	2.0	23.6
327	264	Victaulic	273	...	...	3.7	15.0
522	451	Vinten	478	...	...	2.0	15.8
805	661	Vosper Thorny	740 †	...	...	3.0	16.0
65	37	WSP Hldgs	61	...	...	3.7	44.9
527	451	Wagon Ind	526	...	...	4.5	∞
200	80	Wakebourne	85	...	...	...	...
114	97	Walker Greenbk	102	...	3.3	4.0	∞
316½	249½	Wassall	301	+1	...	1.4	26.8
60	44	Wtrford Wdgwd	60	+3	...	...	46.7
365	254	Weir	314	...	...	2.6	18.2
704	498	Wellcome	676 †	-7½	...	3.2	14.3
230	205	Wellington Hdg	205	...	...	3.2	19.6
40½	22	Wellman	37½	...	...	3.0	61.2
400	294	West Hlthcare	326	-1	...	1.4	20.9
548	455	Whatman	480	...	...	2.7	17.0
264	108	Whessoe	131	+6	...	7.8	10.0
124	93	Whitecroft	120 †	-1	...	2.1	18.9
13½	10	Widney	11	+¼	...	...	...
414½	329	Williams Hldg	371	+2	...	4.3	20.0
54	39½	Wilshaw	52½	...	...	1.4	21.4
975	705	Wolseley	868	+8	...	2.1	21.1
155	155	Wood (Arthur)	155	...	...	2.4	31.7
55	40	Wyko	51	-1	...	1.2	...
96	70	Young (H)	71	...	...	5.8	75.9

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1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1403½	937½	Alex & Alex	1287½	...	...	5.2	...
2043½	1693½	Am Gen	1675 †	-37½	...	4.0	...
86	50½	Archer	53 †	...	...	2.4	...
165	89	Bradstock	98	...	...	7.2	11.1
550	370	Britannic	421	...	...	3.7	...
117	90	CLM Insce	91 †	...	1.4	2.0	...
711	488	Com Union	550	-5	...	5.6	15.6
1950	1675	Dom & Gen	1713	-12	...	1.8	22.7
64	33	FAI	39	...	...	1.3	...
194	144	Fenchurch Grp	154 †	-1	...	5.8	13.8
757	533	Gen Accident	601	-1	...	5.7	12.1
247	161	GRE	190	+4	...	5.0	26
457	288	Heath C E	304	...	...	0.6	...
323	239	Independent Ins	259	...	...	4.3	6.6
203	128½	JIB Group	147	...	...	6.4	13.4
547	407	Legal & Gen	464	-5	...	5.4	15.6
1390½	975	Liberty Life	1331½	+31½	...	8.0	5.0
119	98	LIMIT	97 †	...	...	1.3	∞
471	322	Lloyds Abbey	370	-1	...	6.4	11.0
310	166	Lloyd Thomp	172	-1	7.1	5.2	10.7
170	159	Lombard Ins	170	-2	...	5.7	9.8
443	313	Londn & Man	325	...	...	6.0	16.2
472	380	Lowndes Lmb	387 †	-3	...	4.8	12.2
5897½	5357½	Marsh McLn	5587½ †	-25	...	3.4	...
188	147	Nelson Hurst	155	-1	...	4.5	15.5
129½	109	Ordel	112 ‡	-3	...	5.6	∞
83	38	PWS	39	-1	...	9.6	...
385	271	Prudential	317	+5	...	5.2	15.1
404	261	Refuge	283	...	...	5.0	20.8
350	232½	Royal	262	-3	...	3.6	11.9
222	157	Sedgwick	170	-2	...	4.4	19.1
155	105	Steel Burrill	118	-1	...	9.5	...
87	54	Sturge Hldgs	61 †	-1	...	6.1	73.4
418	285	Sun Alliance	322	-4	...	5.7	14.7
96	51	Trade Indemnty	59	-1	...	1.1	13.1
464	343	Transatlantic	372	+8	...	4.0	33.7
673	468	Utd Friendly	538	...	...	3.8	27.6
245	133	Willis Corroon	142	...	...	5.8	12.6
28	20½	Windsor	21	...	...	...	16.5

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1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2058	1700	Alliance	1875	-8	...	3.1	...
479	401	Anglo & O'seas	434	...	...	2.1	...
161	123	B2W Conv	144	-½	7.8	6.8	...
219	173	Bankers	191½	+1	...	2.4	...
381	311	Baring Tribne	337 †	...	...	2.4	...
248	198	Berry Starq	230	...	2.2	1.2	∞
120½	91½	Br Assets	98½	-½	...	5.4	...
98	89	Br Empire Sec	94½	-½	...	1.2	...
46	31	-do- Wnts	40	...	...	...	...
234	188	Br Inv	213	...	...	2.8	...
272	221	Brunner	246 †	...	...	2.7	...
225	194	Contl Asset	207	...	...	1.8	...
173	147	Derby Inc	173	+3	...	11.9	...
328	268	-do- Cap	313	...	...	...	...
100	73	Drayton Blue	82	...	...	12.8	...
111	84	-do- Eng Ind	97	-2	...	1.0	...
156	128	-do- Far East	150	-1	...	0.6	...
784	613	Dunedn Inc G	670	-1	...	4.9	...
108	85	-do- Japan	99½	-½	...	...	...
80	45	-do- Warrants	57	-2	...	...	...
341	292	Dunedin Smlr	312	...	...	3.6	...
827	725	-do- Wwde	794	...	...	1.5	...
360	281	Edinburgh	315	+½	...	1.5	...
354	286	Electra Inv	323 †	-2	...	2.7	...
230	185	Electric Gen	201	-1	...	2.0	∞
127	106	English Scot	117	...	...	...	...
345	286	European Asset	318 †	+1	...	1.8	...
172	146	Finsbury 'A'	152	+2	3.0	2.5	...
343	276½	Fleming Amer	301 †	-1	...	0.4	...
145	75½	Fleming Chinese	92	...	...	...	...
92	42	-do- Warrants	54	...	...	...	...
267	196	-do- Claver	216 †	...	...	3.2	...
385	305	-do- Contl	348	...	...	0.8	...
264	190	-do- Entp	210	...	...	2.9	...
459	327	-do- F East	362	...	1.5	0.5	...
422	359½	-do- Fledg	374	...	...	1.0	...
120	89	-do- Hi Inc	100	...	...	5.5	...
281½	223	-do- Japan	276	-1	...	0.2	...
347	269½	-do- Merc	293	...	...	2.9	...
347½	280½	-do- Oseas	301½	+½	4.2	1.7	...
155½	126½	Foreign & Col	142	...	...	1.5	...
148	106½	-do- Emg Mkts	127	...	0.2	0.3	...
77	64½	-do- Enterprise	68	-½	...	1.1	...
261	216	-do- Eurotst	245	-1	...	0.6	...
145	116	-do- German	135	-1	...	0.5	...
374	307	-do- Pacific	337	-1	...	0.8	...
192	159½	-do- Smaller	178½	-½	...	1.4	∞
303	247	GT Japan	273	-4	...	0.6	...
200	150	Genl Cons Cap	183	...	...	...	...
115	105	-do- Inc	115	...	...	9.8	...
191	139	Govett Am Smlr	148	...	...	...	...
151	101	-do- Emg Mkts	125	+1	...	0.3	∞
96½	80	-do- Global Smlr	81½	...	...	...	...
112	83	-do- High Inc	91½	...	...	7.0	...
429	349	-do- Oriental	392	-2	...	0.3	...
346	239	Govett Strategic	262	-1	...	3.2	...
475	410	Greenfriar	417 †	...	...	2.0	...
19	19	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
105	86	Herald	99½	-½	...	...	...
99	92	Int Biotech	96	...	...	...	...
50	30	-do- Warrants	45	...	...	...	...
158	122	Inv Cap	136½	-½	...	4.8	...
119	94	IMS UK Smllr	110	-1	...	3.2	...
177	126	INVESCO Korea	144	...	...	...	...
243	196½	Kleinwort Chrt	216 †	-1	...	3.0	...
89½	75½	-do- Euro Prvt	81	-½	...	...	...
49	29½	-do- Euro Wrts	30½	...	...	...	...
272½	232½	-do- O'seas	246	-½	...	1.7	...
165	134	-do- Smlr	137	...	...	3.2	...
826	672	Law Debenture	747	...	...	3.3	...
227	190	Majedie	208	-2	...	3.0	...
324	237	Merchants	274 †	+1	...	5.1	...
89	79½	Mercury Euro Pr	88½	-½	...	...	...
45	28½	-do- Warrants	32	-½	...	...	...
125	98	-do- World Mng	110	-1	...	...	...
52½	35	-do- World Wts	38	...	...	...	...
2987½	2250	Merrill Lynch	2437½	+12½	...	...	...
595	492	Monks Inv Tst	548	-1	...	1.6	...
158	127	Mrrg Gren Inc	136	...	...	4.1	...
64	43	-do- Warrants	51	...	...	...	...
96	87	-do- Latin Amer	94	+½	...	...	...
50	39	-do- Warrants	44	+1	...	...	...
148	114	Murray Ent	122	-1	...	2.1	...
58	34	-do- Warrants	37	...	...	...	...
68	54	Murray Euro	60½	...	...	0.6	...
23½	16	-do- Wts	16½	...	...	...	...
393	317	Murray Incme	351	-1½	11.3	4.0	...
395	319	-do- Intl	353	...	...	4.1	...
548	424	-do- Small	461 †	-3	...	1.1	∞
97	82	-do- S/C Inc	91	...	...	15.0	...
174	135	-do- S/C Cap	148	...	...	...	...
3400	2975	-do- S/C Uts	3150	...	...	4.2	...
162	153	-do- S/C DP	162	+½	...	...	...
363	324	-do- Vent	330	...	...	4.2	...
95	61	Nwthrog Inc	63	...	...	9.4	...
404	333	O'seas Inv Tst	372	-1	...	1.1	...
241	179	-do- Warrants	205	...	...	...	...
640½	433	Pacific Assets	509	-1	...	0.3	...
542	335	-do- Warrants	414	-3	...	...	...
9400	7900	Personal Assets	8050	...	195	3.1	∞
189	164½	RIT Cap Ptnr	181	...	...	1.0	...
127	114	River & Merc	116	...	...	10.1	...
449	413	Robeco	435	+1	...	2.9	...
463	415	Rolinco	435	-6	...	1.8	...
343	290	St Andrew Inv	317	...	...	3.1	...
185	150½	Scot American	167½	+½	...	3.6	...
368	238	Scot Asian	273	-1	...	...	...
1000	663	-do- Warrants	738	+10	...	...	...
97½	77	-do- Eastern	87	+1	...	2.3	...
262½	209½	Scottish	231	...	...	2.7	∞
264½	205	-do- Mige	233½	+1½	...	2.2	...
133½	111½	-do- Value	119	...	...	2.0	...
1795	1520	Second Allnce	1650	-5	...	3.0	...
106	77½	Sees Tst of Scot	88½	-½	...	4.6	...
179	148	Selective Asset	159	...	...	1.1	...
51½	41	Sphere Inv	46 †	...	...	9.2	...
205	149	TR Far East	165	-2	...	4.0	...
177½	139½	TR City Of Lon	149½	...	...	4.8	...
124½	86	TR Pacific	108	...	...	0.2	...
43½	34½	TR Property	35½	-½	...	3.2	...
152	113	TR Tech Inv	130 †	...	...	1.7	...
229	182	TR Smlr Cos	204½	...	...	2.3	∞
412	310	Temple Bar	355	-2	...	4.9	...
135	102	Thrmn Asian E	111	+½	...	0.6	...
101	72½	Throgmorton	79½	...	...	3.6	...
568	468	Thrmg Dual Cp	563	...	...	...	...
264	233	USDC Invest	254	...	...	3.2	...
129	109½	Value Inc Tst	120½	...	...	4.1	...
257½	205	Witan	231½	+1	...	3.2	...

LEISURE

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
578½	417	Airtours	460	-11	...	2.5	16.0
46½	19	Ald Leis	24	...	...	15.6	7.8
177	155	Alpha Airpts	166	-1	...	3.0	∞
131	85	Baldwin	114	+1	...	3.8	15.0
353	267	Barr & W 'A'	287	...	...	4.4	12.7
335	231	Boosey Hwks	335 †	...	...	1.9	20.2
205	130	Border TV▲	189 †	...	...	2.6	∞
7½	3½	Brent Walker	4	...	...	...	...
148	100	Bristol Scots	120	...	...	...	...
7½	2½	Buckingham Int	2½	...	...	...	...
74	41	Campari	44	...	...	...	...
439	328	Capital Radio	372	...	...	2.1	32.8
1047	530	Carlton Comm	897 †	-1	...	2.7	19.8
356	248	Castle Comm▲	353	...	...	3.2	22.3
188	114	Chrysalis	188	-13	3.2	2.2	...
374	305	Compass Gp	334	...	...	2.5	19.7
290	232	Eurocamp	266 †	...	9.9	4.7	11.0
213	118	Euro Disney	133	+6	...	...	...
4	2½	Euro Leisure	3½	...	...	...	...
435	308	Fairline Boats	399	...	...	3.7	27.8
350	262	First Leisure	269	...	...	2.9	19.1
478	309	Flextech▲	412	-1	...	...	...
1033	675	GWR Gp▲	918 †	...	...	1.4	33.2
303	228	Grampian	285	...	...	3.3	15.2
22	15	Greenwich Com▲	16	...	...	...	...
162	106	HTV Group	160	...	...	0.8	44.2
96	62	Hi-Tec Sports	75	...	...	4.6	11.0
18½	11½	Kunick	13½	...	...	...	...
702	539	Man Utd	660	+5	...	3.6	26.6
15	13½	My Kinda Town	13½	...	...	...	...
57	34	Northern	52	...	...	3.4	10.0
130	61	Owners Abrd	100	...	...	4.4	...
92½	65½	The Pelican Gp	90 †	...	...	1.5	∞
183	147	Prism Leisure▲	147 †	...	...	3.6	∞
43	29	Quadrant Grp	29	...	...	...	...
276	205	Ramsdens (H)	276 †	+1	...	2.0	39.7
628	396	Scot Radio▲	610	+7	...	2.2	23.8
574	355	Scot TV	411	...	...	3.8	∞
40½	24	SelecTV▲	26½	...	...	...	...
350	298½	Stanley Leisure	333 †	...	...	2.0	∞
153	125	Sunset & Vine	129	...	3.5	3.4	19.7
345½	280	Tanjong	280	...	...	1.1	∞
2½	1½	Ticketing▲	1½	...	...	...	14.7
110	75	Tottenhm Hot	110	+2	...	2.3	42.1
182	85	Trans World▲	180	...	1.2	0.9	65.6
760	518	Ulster TV	589	...	...	3.2	22.1
150	129	VCI	146	-2	...	4.7	13.0
149	112	Vardon	122	...	...	1.2	21.6
375	150	Yorkshire TV	314	-1	...	...	...
129	110	Zetters Gp	129	...	...	8.5	∞

MINING

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3675	2509½	Ang Am	3508½	-21½	...	2.0	33.6
2647½	1762½	Ang Am Coal	2687½	-9½	...	3.4	14.6
6518½	4593½	Ang Am Gold	6375	...	...	3.8	18.8
36	27	Anglo Pac Res▲	28½	...	...	...	...
1512½	1262½	Ashanti	1296½	-6½	...	...	...
404	275	Bakyrchik	295	-3	...	...	...
184	90½	Blyvoors	138½	-½	...	...	...
37	22½	Bracken	22½	...	...	3.9	63.4
898	580½	Buffels	640½	+7	...	8.5	∞
6	2½	Butte	2½	...	...	...	...
931½	745½	CRA	901½	+6½	...	2.4	27.8
55½	36	Cliff Res	47½	...	...	...	...
100	28½	Coal Inv	100	...	...	...	...
1750	[illegible]	De Beers	1612½	-56½	...	3.4	17.1
148	68	Deelkraal	100½	-½	...	3.6	∞
74	30½	Doornfontein	64½	...	...	...	...
967	665½	Driefontein	932½	-8½	...	4.6	∞
928	549½	Durban	762½	-1½	...	...	...
178½	107	E Rand Gold	151½	-½	...	11.9	5.6
122½	99½	E Rand Prop	77	...	...	...	...
449	300½	Elandsrand	413½	-8½	...	3.9	9.5
1239	741½	FS Cons	892	-6½	...	7.8	9.1
62	27	FS Dev	52	...	...	...	...
1900	1193½	GFSA	1900	-12½	...	2.2	30.3
178½	108½	Gencor	165½	-6½	...	3.7	27.2
80½	53½	GM Kalgoorli	57½	+½	...	2.5	21.1
22	14	Greenwich R 'A'	18½	...	...	...	...
202	105½	Grootvlei	149½	-3½	...	6.0	∞
416	319½	Harmony	363½	+6	...	...	...
430	256½	Hartles	311½	-½	...	9.2	∞
1446½	831½	Impala Plat	1416½	-15½	...	1.8	51.4
16½	9½	Kenmare Res▲	11½	...	...	...	...
1315½	840½	Kinross	971½	-18	...	5.0	∞
898½	568½	Kloof	711	-1½	...	4.0	∞
137	69½	Leslie	96	-½	...	6.4	∞
333	176½	Loraine	253	-½	...	...	...
1137½	987½	Lydenburg	1137½	...	...	1.9	...
162	118	MIM	144½	+1	...	1.7	60.0
1561	1227	Minorco	1550	...	...	2.5	18.6
201½	146½	Nth Brkn Hill	173½	+1½	...	3.0	25.3
890	790	RTZ	879	+6	...	2.9	25.1
375	187½	Rand Mines	375	+25	...	2.8	14.2
801½	547½	Randfontein	689½	-6½	...	4.7	∞
295	207	Renison	214	...	...	...	...
1531½	1078½	Rustnburg	1412½	-6½	...	2.1	∞
756	539½	St Helena	632½	+1	...	4.1	∞
2887½	1484½	Southvaal	1571½	-46½	...	4.6	21.6
135½	73	Stilfontein	116½	-½	...	22.6	∞
160	90	Unisel	131½	-½	...	3.4	∞
7600	4943½	Vaal Reefs	5643½	-25	...	4.5	9.2
934½	506½	Western Areas	900 †	-9½	...	8.0	∞
3362½	2050	Western Deep	2715½	-3½	...	3.8	9.3
407½	307½	Wstrn Mining	354	+2½	...	1.5	...
1225	603½	Winkels	640½	...	...	5.2	∞
66	50	Zambia Copper	57	...	...	...	...
68	48	Zandpan	53	...	...	9.5	∞

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
283	233	Abbey Panels	253	...	...	...	...
115	108	Airflow Stream	110	...	3.0	3.4	16.5
175	131	Appleyard	131	...	...	5.2	23.1
405	315	Blatchley Mtr	315	...	...	3.9	12.7
243	180	Bostrom	235	+4	...	3.2	22.2
584	390	Br Aerospace	515	+1	...	2.0	45.2
57	43	Burndene	43 †	-1	...	5.8	12.5
465	280	Caffyns	315	...	...	4.6	21.2
22	13½	Caverdale	18½	-½	...	1.0	18.6
130	98	Central Mtr▲	90	...	...	4.4	24.4
51	32½	Cook (DC)▲	46	...	...	2.8	∞
348	249	Cowie	259	+2	...	4.0	14.2
192½	127	Dag Motors	155	...	...	5.0	17.8
158	113	Davnprt Vern	156	...	...	2.6	15.5
332	275	ERF	293 †	-1	...	0.9	...
173	118	European Mtr	128 ‡	...	...	4.2	13.4
539½	399	Evans Halshaw	443	...	...	3.7	18.7
310	236	FR Group	308	+10	...	3.1	16.8
2399½	1806½	Ford Motor	1925 ‡	-112½	...	...	...
4387½	3175	General Mtr	3300	-137½	...	1.6	...
90	60	Gowrings	75	...	...	3.3	...
342½	266½	Henlys	292	+1	...	3.2	20.1
1239	918½	Honda Motor	1110½	-8½	...	0.4	...
58	35	Jacks (Wm)	56	...	...	...	19.4
184	156	Kwik-Fit	157	-1	...	3.0	18.0
573	411	Lex Service	414	+2	...	4.1	15.6
282	162	Lookers	240 †	...	...	3.6	15.0
239	158	Lucas	206	-3	...	4.2	...
29½	25	Malaya Grp	25½	...	...	...	...
310	260	Pendragon	260	...	...	3.5	18.5
238	175	Perry Gp	202	...	...	4.3	11.1
218	156	Quicks Group	177	...	...	3.5	18.6
204	161	Rolls-Royce	198	+3	...	3.2	34.9
261	203	T & N	254	-3	...	5.3	29.0
312	263	Trinity Hldgs	305	...	...	2.5	22.1
221	163	Vardy (Reg)	191 †	...	...	3.0	∞

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
355	198	Adscene	290	...	5.7	2.5	29.7
335	120	Black (A&C)	325	...	...	5.2	13.8
402	228	Blenheim Gp	250	...	...	5.1	9.3
413	365	Bristol	373	...	...	4.1	25.8
1650	1100	Daily Mail	1362½	-3½	...	1.4	31.9
1484½	869½	Daily Mail 'A'	1021½	-12½	...	1.9	23.9
308	260	Dorling Kind	308	+3	...	1.3	27.9
6712½	5381½	Elsevier	6278½	-90½	...	3.0	20.7
476	360½	EMAP	423 †	+4	...	2.6	25.9
1975	1450	Euromoney Pb	1830	...	...	2.8	32.2
194	42	Harrington K	46	...	...	13.3	3.0
515	328	Haynes Pub	440	...	...	2.0	34.8
408	340	Hodder H'tne	353	...	...	1.8	57.5
180	120	Home Counts	147	...	...	3.8	36.0
218	161	Intl Bus Comm	212	-1	...	1.2	14.0
15	8	Int Cm & Data▲	8½	...	...	...	...
340	273½	Independent	308	...	...	3.1	10.5
669	551	Johnston Press	582	...	7.0	1.5	21.4
110	43	MAID	78	-2	...	...	...
460	338	Metal Bulletin	460	...	...	2.7	26.7
177½	152	Midland Ind	160	...	...	2.2	21.9
203	123	Mirror Gp	128	-8	...	...	5.0
514½	382½	News Corp	430½	+3	...	0.3	...
314	226	News Intl	243	...	...	0.7	14.9
735	570	Pearson	643	+10	...	2.5	23.0
760	678	Portsmth Sund	686	...	...	1.9	∞
964	734	Reed Int	820	+8	...	2.9	24.8
249	187	Southnews	220 †	...	...	1.7	28.9
200	144	Sterling Pub▲	144	-3	...	3.2	12.1
622	323	Telegraph	367	-1	...	4.4	13.4
885	695	Thomson Corp	715	...	30.1	5.3	35.4
472	394	Trinity Intl	400	...	...	3.0	19.8
45	18½	Unit Group▲	36	...	...	...	...
731	479	Utd Nwspaprs	529	-9	...	5.2	14.5

OILS, GAS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
38	24½	Aran Energy	38	+1½	...	...	23.0
53	35	Arcon Intl▲	47	...	...	...	...
74½	59	Aus Oil & Gas	70½	+1	...	...	...
67	45	Avira Pet	45	...	...	...	...
9	6	Beverley	6½ #	...	...	...	64.6
249	197	Br Borneo	236	-2	...	3.6	12.2
358	253	British Gas	279½	-½	...	6.5	...
430	340	Br Petroleum	409 †	+5	...	2.8	41.3
3½	1½	Bula Resources	3½ #	...	...	...	...
895	811	Burmah Castl	877	...	...	3.9	15.4
84	56	Cairn Energy	81	...	...	...	41.6
375	261	Calor Gp	291	...	...	5.4	14.9
51	33	Clyde Pet	43½	-½	...	...	...
30	14½	Copley Res	16½	-½	...	...	...
27½	17	Edin Oil & Gs▲	21	...	...	...	22.7
496	379	Enterprise	428	+5	...	4.7	26.6
26½	21	Fairhaven Intl	22½	...	...	5.4	9.3
8½	4½	Fortune	6	...	...	...	...
77	54	Goal Pet	74	...	...	2.4	19.5
46	31	Gt Western Res	46	-2	...	...	...
177	142	Hardy O & G	148	+1	...	0.8	18.9
55	40	Kelt Energy	47 †	...	...	3.5	...
169	110½	LASMO	155	+4	...	0.8	...
73	53	-do- Units	59	...	9.4	20.0	...
9½	2	Mid Sea Res▲	2½	...	...	...	...
75	55	Monument	70	...	...	...	57.3
7½	4½	New London	4½	...	...	...	...
50	36	Oil Search	44	+2	...	...	...
50½	17½	Perroz	38½	-½	...	...	...
168	151	Pict Pet	163	...	...	...	...
111	100	Pittencrieff Rs	111	...	...	...	...
32½	21½	Premier	29½	+½	...	...	15.9
158	118	Presidio	128	...	...	5.2	...
393	325	Ranger	435	...	...	3.7	...
7700	6681½	Royal Dtch Fl	7299½	-63½	...	4.3	19.3
4064½	3481½	Schlumberger	3884½	-6½	...	2.0	...
58	50	Seafield	52	...	...	...	...
755	651	Shell	739	+4	...	4.1	22.4
187	129	Sunrise Eng Sv	129	...	...	...	...
19	9½	Ultra Grp	11	...	...	...	...
231	178½	Woodside	224½	+1½	...	1.7	...
110	26	XCL	83	...	...	...	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
184	145	AG Holdings	147	...	...	4.5	13.3
444	382	API	382	...	...	2.8	34.0
316	237	Arjo Wiggins	293	+4	...	2.8	45.0
730	540	Abbott Mead	682	...	...	1.9	36.3
28½	17½	Aegis Gp	25	...	...	...	...
205	145	Aspen Comms▲	170	...	4.9	3.6	∞
26	18	BBB Design▲	18	...	...	...	...
472	413	Bemrose	418	...	...	3.5	15.0
13½	7½	Birkdale	8	...	...	...	...
186	139	Bunzl	156	-2	...	3.3	21.0
169	117½	CIA Gp	148	+1	...	1.4	23.9
179	129	Capital Inds	157	...	...	...	12.4
36	33½	Chime Comm	33½	...	...	...	...
99	76	City of Lon▲	95	...	...	5.8	14.5
430	304	Cropper (James)	319 †	+7	...	1.4	16.0
114	80	Delyn Group	80	...	...	2.6	14.5
137	104	Dolphin Pack	122	...	...	4.6	15.7
83	72	Dudley Jenkins▲	72	...	...	5.8	15.4
15½	12½	Elswick	12½	-½	...	3.4	13.5
101	75	Fairway Group▲	84	+2	...	5.2	16.9
430	358	Ferguson Intl	358	...	...	4.4	15.3
145	128	Ferry Pick	128	...	...	5.5	...
227	188	Filofax▲	201	...	...	1.1	19.8
17½	8	Fitch	10	...	...	...	...
149	132	Gibbon Lyons▲	134	...	...	5.3	∞
275	171	Gold Greenless	178	...	...	3.8	∞
34	25	Goodhead	28	+1	...	0.2	∞
30	15	Hunterprint	19	...	...	...	...
162	128	Intereurope	132	+2	...	7.4	11.9
281½	248	Jarvis Porter	265	+1	...	2.5	19.0
33½	22	Lopex	29	...	...	1.1	32.8
431	344	More O'Ferrall	350	-1	...	4.7	20.2
395	230	Osborne & Little	395	-1	...	2.1	14.4
60	32	Osprey Comms	42	...	...	0.2	...
820	513	Portals	673	...	...	3.0	19.7
3	1½	Premier Hlth	2½	...	...	...	...
339	272	Quarto	272	-10	...	2.8	14.8
412	322	St Ives Gp	364	...	...	2.0	25.5
161	127	Saatchi	161	+1	...	...	32.6
812½	464½	Sappi	802½	-1½	...	12.9	4.8
30½	18	Seril	25	...	...	...	...
57	20½	Shandwick	45	-1	...	1.2	...
573	398	Smith David	559	+1	...	2.4	∞
414	396	Smurfit (Jeff)	414	+9	...	1.3	58.9
119	97	Somic	97 †	...	...	3.2	∞
254	210	Sun-Plus	217	-1	...	5.1	20.6
34	25½	Taylor Nelson	34	...	...	1.7	28.4
161	118½	VTR	130	...	...	3.8	20.6
36½	25	WMGO	25	...	...	2.5	∞
129	89	WPP	108	-3	...	1.2	15.5
264	182	Ware	238	...	...	1.8	23.2
291	209	Waddington (J)	209 ‡	...	...	5.1	10.2
511	403	Watmough	424	-4	...	1.9	26.8
44	29	Whitney Mck▲	39	...	...	...	...
152	98	Wyndeham	127 †	...	...	2.2	18.4

PROPERTY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
130	99	Allied Lon	103	...	...	4.4	13.9
48	36	Arcadian	36	...	...	...	...
267	253	Argent	265	+1	...	...	...
10½	4	Ascot Hldgs	4½	...	...	...	...
144	109	Asda	118	...	...	2.3	21.0
191	113	Avonside	129	+1	...	4.1	15.0
2575	2096½	BCE▲	2153½	-3½	...	...	...
362½	260	Bilton	260	...	...	4.6	19.0
108	72	Bourne End	93	...	...	1.3	...
276	200	Bradford	233 †	...	...	3.5	16.4
22½	10	Bredero	10	...	...	...	7.3
474	360	Br Land	423 †	+3	...	2.2	40.9
137	123	Brightstone	123	...	...	3.8	27.9
276	179	Brixton	210	-1	...	4.8	18.3
118	90½	Burford	106	...	...	1.7	34.2
207½	135½	Cap & Regnl▲	157	...	...	1.2	61.9
227	191	Cap Shop Ctrs	227	...	...	3.6	54.6
325	230	Cardiff Prop	318	...	...	1.0	70.9
185	152	Chelsfield	175	...	...	1.7	43.2
678	534	Chesterfield	534	...	...	2.8	24.0
84	36	City Site Ests	72	...	...	...	...
12½	8	Clarke Nickolls	9	...	...	...	18.8
350	285	Compco	310	...	...	5.5	∞
56	32	Conrad Rhlat GS	37	+1	...	...	...
1755	1458	Daejan	1535	...	...	2.4	17.7
25½	5	Dares Estates	11½	...	...	...	...
156	103	Debenhm Twsn	117 †	...	...	3.7	∞
17	6	De Morgan	7	...	...	...	...
189	161	Dencora	169	...	...	2.4	47.5
347½	263	Derwent Hldgs	265	-1	...	2.1	23.7
41	24	Development Sec	24½	...	...	...	...
51	45	Dwyer	45	...	...	...	...
460	275	Estates Agency	425 †	...	...	3.1	51.4
47	18	Estates Gen	28	...	...	...	...
132	100	Evans Of Leeds	116 †	+2	...	2.7	20.3
43½	27	Ex-Lands	32½	...	...	1.3	...
80	68	Fiscal Prop	69	...	...	...	...
37	24	Five Oaks	26½	...	...	0.9	...
78	64	Fletcher King	64 †	...	...	2.9	∞
536	407	Frogmore	447	...	...	4.6	19.7
325	228	Grainger	280	...	...	2.4	50.0
260	174	Gt Portland	200	-1	...	5.0	38.1
22½	12½	Greycoat	19½	...	...	...	...
269	149	HK Land	180½	+1½	...	0.5	∞
94	43	Hambro Cntyw	53	+2	...	1.8	53.8
435	329	Hammerson	350	-1	...	3.6	35.1
390	298	Helical Bar	368	...	...	2.0	14.7
40½	29½	Hemingway	30	...	...	1.7	...
76	37	Herring Baker	50	-1	...	3.8	...
315	138	Jermyn	175	...	...	...	34.1
792	588	Land Sec	669	+4	...	4.5	19.0
132	89	Lon Mersh Sec	96 †	...	...	5.5	14.1
16	9	Lon & Metro	10	...	...	...	0.5
562	409	MEPC	474	+2	...	5.3	22.3
17½	6½	McInerney A	6½	-½	...	...	...
190	164	McKay Secs	185 †	...	...	3.5	∞
61	50	Merivale Mre	75	...	...	...	...
55	25	Moorfield Est	25	...	...	4.6	...
1425	1200	Mountview	1299½	...	...	2.3	12.0
196	154	Mucklow (A&J)	162	...	...	4.5	23.5
59	32	OEM	32	...	...	...	...
64	37½	Olives Prop	39	-1	...	...	14.6
2½	1	ORB	1	...	...	...	...
191	146	PSIT	161 †	...	...	3.6	∞
390	295	Peel	356	...	...	3.1	∞
12½	4	Power Corp	5	...	...	...	...
54	31	Raglan	34½	-1½	...	...	12.6
37	27	Regalian	31	-½	...	...	11.2
180	140	Rowlinson Secs	173 †	...	...	1.3	11.1
134	115	Rugby Est	115	...	...	2.4	...
64	45	St Modwen Prp	50 †	...	...	3.0	20.0
76	59	Saville Grdn (J)	64	-1	...	5.4	∞
100	78	Savills	81 †	...	...	3.5	∞
108	82	Scot Met	87 †	...	...	2.3	...
135	106	Shaftesbury	108	...	...	...	...
17½	6	Shield	8	...	...	...	4.2
307	221	Slough Estates	264	+4	...	3.8	43.2
103	63	Southend Prop	67 †	...	...	4.5	∞
50	23	Stanhope Prps▲	30	...	...	...	...
39	34	TBI	39	...	...	...	2.1
244	182	Tops Ests	192 †	...	...	1.4	45.8
163	119	Town Centre	119	-1	...	3.7	21.3
107	91	Trafford Park	93	...	...	3.9	21.4
58	29	UK Land	41	...	...	...	...
317	231	Warner	243	...	...	5.9	23.0
260	219	Warnford	231	...	...	4.3	19.7
7½	1½	Waterglade	7½	...	...	...	...
103½	67	Wates	74 †	...	...	...	...
105	70	Wood John D▲	80 †	...	...	3.1	∞

SHOES, LEATHER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
45	31	Automagic▲	41	...	...	...	...
202½	149	Lambert	148	...	...	6.3	6.5
75	50	Pittards	66	...	...	1.9	...
26	19	Strong & Fisher	19	...	...	6.6	13.0
250	227	Stylo	237	...	...	2.1	22.4
69	50½	UK Safety	52	...	...	6.2	10.9

TEXTILES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
617	493	Allied Text	493	-1	...	3.4	15.0
71	56	Beckman (A)	58	...	...	7.7	12.4
30½	16	Bolton Gp	17 †	...	...	...	...
17½	9½	Brackenbridge▲	9½	...	...	...	...
226	171	Br Mohair	186	+3	...	5.7	25.3
385	292	Claremont Ga	318	+5	...	3.2	16.8
593	451	Courtauld Text	491	+7	...	3.6	19.5
159½	119	Dawson	152 ‡	...	...	2.5	...
42	31	Drummond	32	...	...	...	14.2
80	72	Faupel▲	74 †	...	...	8.3	12.5
29	24	Foster (John)	27	...	...	...	...
168	113	Gaskell	140	...	...	3.8	...
33	29½	Helene Plc	27½ ‡	-½	...	9.1	11.4
249	222	Hicking Pntcst	246	...	...	2.3	17.4
73	55	Jerome (S)	62	...	...	1.0	31.4
485	388	Lamont	393	...	...	4.0	15.0
340	265	Leeds	266	...	...	2.8	13.6
101	68	Lyles (S)	81	+3	...	4.2	...
266	190	Parkland	197	+1	...	3.2	11.7
112	80	Readicut	83½ †	...	...	5.1	14.3
70	47	SEET	48	...	...	...	...
146	100	Sirdar	102	+1	...	6.6	7.0
64	50	Stirling Gp	60	...	...	4.0	∞
46	34	Stoddard	36	...	...	5.6	13.6
330	260	Tomkinsons	260	...	...	5.5	24.5
49	34	West Trust	36	...	...	9.3	23.6
280	239	Yorklyde	262	...	...	2.9	12.7

TOBACCOS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
570	372	BAT	447	+1	...	5.9	11.5
489	337	Rothmans	372 †	-1	...	4.4	19.8

TRANSPORT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
313½	228	Assoc Br Ports	276	+9	...	2.1	26.3
1083	880	BAA	972	+12	...	2.3	20.7
128	103½	Badgerline	114	...	...	4.5	...
496½	367	Br Airways	429	-1	...	3.2	13.5
108	75	Clarkson (H)	81	...	...	2.7	20.3
592½	259	Eurotunnel Uts	325	-4	...	...	...
87	55	Fisher (James)	55	...	...	...	...
155	126½	IoM Steam	145	...	...	3.8	11.1
63	39	Jacobs (JI)	48	...	...	4.3	...
111	92	Lon O'Seas Frs	92 †	...	...	0.5	7.7
534	380	Mersey Docks	455	...	...	2.5	22.9
338	245	Natl Express	337	...	...	2.9	20.3
291	179	NFC	203 †	+4	...	4.3	31.2
346	246	Ocean Group	275	+5	...	6.5	15.6
91	58	Ocean Wilson	70	...	...	5.7	9.0
743	597	P & O Dfd	697	+10	...	5.5	24.9
188	153	P & O 5½%	167	-1	...	3.7	...
705	549	Powell Duffryn	598 †	+2	...	4.9	18.0
102	84	Seacon▲	87	+1	...	3.4	19.5
206	158	Stagecoach	190	...	...	2.7	∞
129½	89½	TNT	126½	+1	...	...	...
915	803	Tibbet & Britn	865	...	14.2	2.1	23.3
79	27	Tiphook	34	+4	...	...	...
327	217	TDG	335	+4	...	5.1	15.8
132	98	Ugland	121 †	...	...	0.3	∞
160	95	Utd Carriers	100	+1	...	...	...

WATER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
607	442	Anglian Water	549½ †	+6½	...	5.2	14.3
365	293	Mid Kent Hdgs	294	...	...	4.9	9.9
751	508	Northumbrian	625 †	-1	...	4.9	6.7
611	454	North West	550 †	...	...	5.2	6.2
645	457	Severn Trent	523 †	+6	...	5.0	8.0
682	466	Sthrn Water	600 †	+16	...	4.8	8.7
1628	1525	Sth Staffs	1625	...	...	4.0	10.8
675	484	South West	517 †	+1	...	6.2	7.6
611	434½	Thames Water	517 †	...	...	5.4	8.0
744	546	Welsh Water	642 †	-9	...	5.0	7.1
759½	551	Wessex Water	634 †	+8	...	4.6	9.2
650	458	Yorkshire W	534 †	-7	...	5.3	8.1

Source: Finstat

▲ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; Ex rights issue; Ex all; Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
104⅝	100⅝	Exch 12¼% 1994	100⅝ †	...	12.42	4.91
103⅝	100½	Treas 9% 1994	100⅞	-⅛	8.91	5.43
107¼	102⅝	Treas 12% 1995	102½	-⅛	11.66	5.67
98⅝	97½	Gas 3% 1990-95	98⅛	-⅛	3.05	5.29
107⅞	103½	Exch 10¼% 1995	103½	-⅛	9.89	6.32
113½	107⅛	Treas 12¾% 1995	107⅛	-⅛	11.88	6.67
117⅝	109⅝	Treas 14% 1996	109⅝	-⅛	12.76	6.85
121⅝	113	Treas 15¼% 1996	113⅛	-⅛	13.49	7.10
117⅞	109⅝	Exch 13¼% 1996	109⅞	-⅛	12.06	7.15
112⅝	104⅛	Conv 10% 1996	105⅛	-⅛	9.51	7.47
121⅞	111⅝	Treas 13¼% 1997	112⅛	-⅛	11.80	7.61
114⅞	105⅝	Exch 10½% 1997	106⅛ †	-⅛	9.80	7.71
110⅝	101⅞	Treas 8¾% 1997	102⅛ †	-⅛	8.56	7.90
131⅝	118⅝	Exch 15% 1997	119⅛	-⅛	12.56	8.01
114⅝	104⅝	Exch 9¾% 1998	104½	-⅛	9.30	8.10
106⅛	96½	Treas 7¼% 1998	97⅛	-⅛	7.44	8.07
102	94⅝	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	95⅛	-⅛	7.07	8.10
131⅛	117½	Treas 14% 1998-01	118⅛	...	11.86	8.34
140⅝	124⅝	Treas 15½% 1998	125⅛	-⅛	12.37	8.16
125⅝	112½	Exch 12% 1998	112⅝	-⅛	10.63	8.34
116⅛	103⅝	Treas 9½% 1999	104⅛	-⅛	9.10	8.28

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
101⅝	89⅝	Treas 6% 1999	91⅛ †	-⅛	6.58	8.17
128⅛	113½	Exch 12¼% 1999	114½	-⅛	10.71	8.44
121⅛	106½	Treas 10½% 1999	108⅛	-⅛	9.71	8.39
121⅝	105½	Conv 10¼% 1999	107½	-⅛	9.55	8.48
116⅝	101½	Conv 9% 2000	102⅝ †	-⅛	8.77	8.42
136⅝	118⅝	Treas 13% 2000	120⅝	-⅛	10.82	8.60
106⅝	90⅝	Treas 7% 2001	92⅝	...	7.58	8.42
122⅝	104⅝	Treas 10% 2001	106⅝ †	...	9.36	8.61
123⅝	103½	Treas 9¾% 2002	106⅛ †	+⅛	9.17	8.63
113⅝	94⅛	Treas 8% 2003	96½	+⅛	8.27	8.52
127⅝	105⅝	Treas 10% 2003	108⅛ †	+⅛	9.21	8.61
129⅝	110½	Treas 11½% 2001-04	113⅝	...	10.16	8.82
86⅛	71½	Fund 3½% 1999-04	73⅝	+⅛	4.74	7.27
105⅝	85⅝	Treas 6¾% 2004	88⅝	-⅛	7.61	8.39
125⅝	103	Conv 9½% 2004	106⅛	...	8.93	8.54
125½	103½	Conv 9½% 2005	106⅛	...	8.90	8.52
147⅛	119⅛	Treas 12½% 2003-05	122⅝	...	10.20	8.67
111½	93⅛	Treas 8% 2002-06	95½	-⅛	8.41	8.58
112⅝	91½	Treas 7¾% 2006	94½ †	...	8.19	8.47
136⅛	113½	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	116⅝	...	10.07	8.89
119⅝	96⅝	Treas 8½% 2007	100½	+⅛	8.49	8.48
151⅛	125½	Treas 13½% 2004-08	129⅝	...	10.43	8.87
124⅝	101	Treas 9% 2008	104½	+⅛	8.62	8.45

LONGS (over 15 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
115⅝	93	Treas 8% 2009	96⅝	+⅛	8.33	8.45
126⅝	101⅞	Conv 9% 2011	105½	+⅛	8.56	8.42
127½	101⅞	Treas 9% 2012	105⅝ †	+⅛	8.54	8.40
93½	72⅝	Treas 5½% 2008-12	74⅝ †	-1⅛	7.38	8.15
114½	91⅛	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	94½	+⅛	8.22	8.33
117⅝	92⅝	Treas 8% 2013	96⅝	+⅛	8.28	8.35
159½	127½	Exch 12% 2013-17	132⅝	+⅛	9.08	8.55
128½	99⅝	Treas 8¾% 2017	104½ †	+⅛	8.39	8.32

UNDATED

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
54⅝	39⅝	War Ln 3½%	41½	-⅛	8.51	...
37½	27⅝	Treas 2½%	29½	-⅛	8.47	...

INDEX-LINKED

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
203½	197⅝	Treas IL 2% 1996	199⅛	+⅛	2.83	4.03
113½	106½	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	107½	+⅛	2.92	3.67
176½	163½	Treas IL 2½% 2001	164⅝	+⅛	3.47	3.87
173½	159½	Treas IL 2½% 2003	160⅛	+⅛	3.57	3.89
118½	107½	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	108⅛	+⅛	3.56	3.86
184⅝	165⅝	Treas IL 2% 2006	167½	+⅛	3.59	3.83
168½	149½	Treas IL 2½% 2009	151⅛	+⅛	3.66	3.86
175½	154½	Treas IL 2½% 2011	156⅛ †	+⅛	3.69	3.88
146½	126½	Treas IL 2½% 2013	128⅛ †	+⅛	3.71	3.88
157½	134½	Treas IL 2½% 2016	137⅛	+⅛	3.73	3.89
152⅛	129½	Treas IL 2½% 2020	131⅛	+⅛	3.76	3.90
129⅝	106½	Treas IL 2½% 2024	109⅛	+⅛	3.73	3.86
128⅝	105½	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	108⅝	+⅛	3.76	3.90

General Monash to take command

By Our Irish Racing Correspondent

GENERAL Monash can complete a second successive success in the Heinz 57 Phoenix Stakes for the Robert Sangster, Peter Chapple-Hyam and John Reid team at Leopardstown tomorrow.

This race has plenty to live up to as Turtle Island prevailed in a thrilling contest last year from the subsequent 1,000 Guineas winner, Las Meninas. It was a vintage renewal of the group one event, but whether tomorrow's field is up to classic-winning standard remains to be seen. However, a competitive race looks assured.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: THREE IN ONE
(4.30 Haydock Park)

Next best: Ever So Lyrical
(3.20 Redcar)

General Monash heads a four-strong British squad, completed by Jack Berry's unbeaten Mind Games, the July Stakes winner, Fallow, trained by David Loder, and the Mick Channon hope, Silca Blanka.

Mind Games has almost four lengths in hand of General Monash on their Norfolk Stakes form at Royal Ascot but Chapple-Hyam is confident that General Monash is better than that form suggests. "He had ulcers in his throat that day and the ground was firm. I would be happy with good ground and the more rain that falls the better," Chapple-Hyam said yesterday.

General Monash's subsequent victory in the Prix Robert Papin at Maisons-Laffitte indicated he may not have done himself justice at the royal meeting. The Manton trainer added: "I'm never confident, but I think we'll be a lot closer to Mind Games this time, maybe in front of him. Being drawn two will help as we can't get into trouble there," he said.



Robert Sangster's General Monash heads a four-strong British raid on the Heinz 57 Phoenix Stakes at Leopardstown tomorrow

However, General Monash is likely to have more on his plate than just reversing the form with Mind Games. For once, in a season when so far Irish group one prizes have been plundered almost at will, the home team looks reasonably strong.

Jim Bolger runs two unbeaten juveniles with stable jockey, Kevin Manning, taking the ride on the filly, Eva Luna, and Walter Swinburn teaming up with the Maktoum Al-Maktoum-owned Desert Style.

Bolger has said Eva Luna is as good a two-year-old filly as he has trained, which is praise indeed considering Bolger's big-race achievements. She has a half-length defeat of Sharp Point over tomorrow's course and distance to her credit already and she easily beat the Chapple-Hyam-trained Helmsman in a group three event at the Curragh in June. This race has been her main objective.

Desert Style is less exposed but has shown a lot of potential on his two runs and may prove best of the home team. He is well drawn and looks an improving type.

Frankie Dettori again takes the ride on the visored Fallow, who was unlucky in running in the Richmond Stakes at Goodwood but had been mightily impressive before that when landing the July Stakes in emphatic style. Fallow was an Ir£18,500 supplementary entry, but the visor does not encourage confidence and General Monash could be too good for him.

Mick Channon can have better luck in the group three Phoenix Sprint Stakes in which he runs **Piccolo**. Channon saddled his first group winner here in June with Great Deeds and Piccolo is sure to appreciate the drop in class this time compared to the competition he faced in the July Cup.

☐ The future of beach racing at Laytown is in doubt after three horses were killed there on Thursday. Cahir O'Sullivan, chief executive of the Irish Turf Club, said yesterday: "If the stewards at the Turf Club find racing at Laytown is too dangerous there will be no further meetings there."

LEOPARDSTOWN FIELD

GOING: GOOD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

4.00 HEINZ 57 PHOENIX STAKES
(Group I: 2-Y-O: Ir£98,000: 6f) (10 runners)

1 (9) 11 DESERT STYLE (M Al-Maktoum) J Bolger 9-0 ... W R Swinburn 93
2 (4) 3111 FALLOW (Sheikh Mohammed) D Loder (GB) 9-0 ... L Dettori 96
3 (2) 131 GENERAL MONASH (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam (GB) 9-0 ... J Reid ⓑ
4 (6) 111 MIND GAMES (R Hughes) J Berry (GB) 9-0 ... J Carroll 97
5 (7) 110 SILCA BLANKA (Aldridge Racing Ltd) M Channon (GB) 9-0 ... — 86
6 (3) 66 SOFT SPOT (P Kennedy) E Lynam 9-0 ... — —
7 (10) 241 ANEMONE GARDEN (T Roe) K Prendergast 8-11 ... W J Supple 65
8 (8) 1111 EVA LUNA (Mrs C Shubot) J Bolger 8-11 ... K J Manning 93
9 (1) 442 HASAID LADY (Mrs C Harrington) K Prendergast 8-11 ... C Roche 80
10 (5) 12 SHARP POINT (Moyglare Stud Farm) D Weld 8-11 ... M J Kinane 89

BETTING: 9-4 General Monash, 3-1 Mind Games, 7-2 Fallow, 9-2 Eva Luna, 7 Desert Style, 8-1 Sharp Point, 12-1 Silca Blanka, 16-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

DESERT STYLE beat Tea Service 2½l in conditions race at Naas (6f, good to firm). FALLOW ¾l 2nd to Sri Pekan in group II Richmond Stakes at Goodwood (6f, good to firm). GENERAL MONASH beat Tereshkova neck in group two Prix Robert Papin at Maisons-Laffitte (5f 110yd, good). MIND GAMES beat Shamanic 1¾l in 6-runner group III Norfolk Stakes at Ascot (5f, good to firm) with GENERAL MONASH 2½l 3rd. SILCA BLANKA beat Shamanic 3½l in listed race at Epsom (6f, good) penultimate start. EVA LUNA beat Helmsman 3½l in 3-runner group III Railway Stakes at the Curragh (6f, good to yielding). Previously beat SHARP POINT ½l in listed race over course and distance (good) with ANEMONE GARDEN 8l 4th.
Selection: GENERAL MONASH

Bold Street can foil Berry duo

HAYDOCK PARK
BBC1



TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

2.00: Wings Cove, nibbled at in the Ebor market, may just lack an edge after an eight-week absence. Solomon's Dancer has progressed for racing over longer trips but so too has **Iron Gent**, a half-brother to the Cesarewitch winner, Orange Hill. He is on the upgrade and enjoyed an easy victory over the course and distance in June.

2.30: **Bold Street** can foil the two-pronged assault of Jack Berry, who fields Tuscan Dawn and Gorinsky, the latter successful in this race 12 months ago. After a ten-week break, Bold Street ran a promising fourth before resuming the winning trail two weeks ago. Gondo, four times a course winner, shaped well at Warwick last time and looks a danger.

3.00: Cezanne will be a popular order after his York defeat of Midnight Legend. That form looks particularly strong but the four-year-old, who has yet to prove himself in this league, will probably start at unattractive odds. Whatever Cezanne's price, **Luhuk** can take his measure.

His trainer, John Dunlop, has now established Luhuk's best trip, as the colt demonstrated by a comprehensive defeat of Young Buster last time. Devil's Holiday, a pacemaker for Royal Ballerina, will unsettle the front-running Urgent Request, while Royal Ballerina herself would benefit from rain.

NEWMARKET
C4

3.15: **Oozlem**, a course and distance winner, has good prospects of following up his recent Brighton victory. He had Anorak back in third that day and reopposes on 5lb better terms. Bill Moon, the mount of Maxine Cowdrey, has not been out for more than four months, while Prince Songline was soundly beaten off this mark last time.

3.45: Subya, Painted Madam and Femme Savante, all tough and consistent, are sure to figure prominently but **Jural** is preferred. The Kris filly overcame greenness to collar Done Well, a subsequent winner, at Ayr two weeks ago and has plenty of scope. Both The Jotter and Dom One seem exposed at this level, while Jumilla failed to endorse a promising Newmarket victory at Thirsk last week.

4.20: En Attendant is a standing dish here. The six-year-old loves this straight seven furlongs. However, he is 9lb higher than when landing this race 12 months ago. It is debatable whether Dime Time is improving fast enough to defy an 8lb rise, but Belfrey Green looks fairly treated and has a definite chance. Others with claims include Everglades, Face North and Elle Shaped. However, **Fawaran**, another improving colt, is worth chancing over his ideal distance.

4.50: Alanees has the clear beating of these on his juvenile form but he comes from a stable out of form. In the circumstances, **Tovarich** can take advantage after her promising debut at Salisbury recently. The unraced Safety Factor is a full-brother to So Factual.

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RACING NEXT WEEK

MONDAY: Windsor (first race, 2.30), Worcester (2.15), Leicester (Sky, 6.00), Thirsk (Sky, 6.15).

TUESDAY: Bath (2.00), Yarmouth (2.15).

WEDNESDAY: Beverley (2.10), Salisbury (2.00), Fontwell Park (2.20), Sandown Park (5.50).

THURSDAY: Beverley (2.10), Salisbury (2.00), Newton Abbot (2.20).

FRIDAY: Folkestone (2.00), Newbury (BBC, 2.10), Southwell (AW, 2.20), Haydock Park (5.45), Catterick Bridge (6.00).

SATURDAY: Newbury (BBC, 2.00), Ripon (2.15), Bangor (2.25), Stratford (2.20), Lingfield Park (5.40), Nottingham (5.55).

Flat meetings in bold

NEWMARKET

THUNDERER
2.10 Golden Ball
2.40 Blockade
3.15 Oozlem
3.45 Painted Madam
4.20 Belfry Green
4.50 Alanees
5.20 Convoy Point

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.45 Jumilla. 4.20 FAWARAN (nap).

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

2.10 MONTANA WINES MAIDEN STAKES (£4,653: 1m 4f) (13 runners)

101 (6) CAVINA 168J (P Jacobs) N Graham 4-9-2 ... B Thomson —
102 (1) KIOMI (I Goldsmith) H Akehurst 4-9-2 ... C Rutter —
103 (12) 03 PUCK'S DELIGHT 8 (Mrs J Purdy) D Thom 4-9-2 ... M Wigham 50
104 (9) 34-532 ARTIC COURIER 15 (Britann Promotions Ltd) D Cosgrove 3-8-10 ... P Robinson 75
105 (2) 005 DEXTER 70 (G Leigh) L Cumani 3-8-10 ... O Urbina 73
106 (8) 0-32 EBEN AL HABEEB 15 (H Al Maktoum) W Hern 3-8-10 ... R Hills 72
107 (7) 0-2003 GOLDEN BALL 15 (BF) (Lord Weinstock) M Stoute 3-8-10 ... W R Swinburn ⓑ
108 (4) 0 KNIFE BOY 31 (Lord Howard de Walden) H Cecil 3-8-10 ... A McGlone —
109 (11) 4 SEA FREEDOM 100 (Mrs B Sevre) G Balding 3-8-10 ... J Williams 73
110 (10) 35 DARLYA 46 (Mrs D Haynes) M Stoute 3-8-5 ... W Woods —
111 (13) 05 SAXON MAID 31 (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 3-8-5 ... Michael Denaro 67
112 (3) 4 SEAWARD 21 (Cheveley Park Stud) J Gosden 3-8-5 ... G Duffield 65
113 (5) TOTALITY (K Abdulla) H Cecil 3-8-5 ... Pat Eddery —

BETTING: 5-2 Totality, 7-2 Golden Ball, 6-1 Seaward, 7-1 Sea Freedom, Eben Al Habeeb, 8-1 Knife Boy, Darlya, 10-1 others.

1993: KITHANGA 3-8-6 R Cochrane (4-1) L Cumani 14 ran

2.40 BROOKS OF NORWICH CLAIMING STAKES
(£3,892: 7f) (6 runners)

201 (5) 05021-0 OBSIDIAN GREY 4 (D,F,G,S) (Miss L Siddall) Miss L Siddall 7-9-1 ... D R McCabe (5) 74
202 (1) 000451 BLOCKADE 7 (C,D,F,G,S) (A Warrender) M Bell 5-9-0 ... M Fenton (3) 98
203 (6) 200142 SPANISH STORM 4 (H,B,CD,G) (Storm Syndicate) S Woods 5-9-0 ... W Woods ⓑ
204 (3) 00-5006 ST MARTHA 46 (G) (M Keogh) M Tompkins 4-8-10 ... P Robinson 78
205 (2) 05 MR CASAUBON 24 (B) (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 3-8-7 ... Stephen Davies (3) —
206 (4) 6060-00 BLAZING HONDA 42 (Eddy Grimstead Honda Ltd) C Brittain 3-8-5 ... G Crealock 88

BETTING: 6-4 Spanish Storm, 2-1 Blockade, 9-2 Obsidian Grey, 8-1 Mr Casaubon, 12-1 St Martha, Blazing Honda.

1993: RUE REMBRANDT 3-9-0 R Hills (7-4 fav) G Harwood 8 ran

3.15 FLORRIE MORRIS MEMORIAL INVITATION STAKES (Limited handicap: Ladies: £3,422: 1m) (12 runners) C4

301 (8) 60-4210 PRINCE SONGLINE 19 (BF,F,G) (K Sturgis) R Boss 4-11-0 ... Christy Clagett 93
302 (6) 312036 LAVENDER COTTAGE 37 (B,G,S) Miss G Kelleway 4-10-13 ... Miss L Hide 97
303 (11) 360436 AVISHAYES 11 (D,F) (P Dawson-Brown) Mrs M Reveley 7-10-12 ... Renee Kierans 94
304 (3) 044125 FATHER DAN 8 (F) (S Squires) Miss G Kelleway 5-10-11 ... Christa Gemmann 96
305 (7) 650066 CAUSAR 14 (G,S) P Howling 4-10-10 ... Elisabeth Johannessen 90
306 (12) 306603 ANORAK 4 (G) (Dunnington, Shaw & Smart) P Harris 4-10-9 ... Miss J Winter 95
307 (2) 300-040 BILL MOON 138 (D,BF,F,G) (P Felden) P Felden 8-10-7 ... Mrs M Cowdrey 90
308 (1) 300106 BLUE RADIANCE 9 (D,F,G) N Littmoden 4-10-6 ... Miss Diana Jones 90
309 (9) 340534 INDIE ROCK 29 (Mrs P Makin) P Makin 4-10-5 ... Miss E Johnson Houghton 91
310 (5) 400564 CAPTAIN MARMALADE 8 (D,G) (Mrs C Whitwood) D Thom 5-10-3 ... Gabriela Martin 92
311 (10) 563503 WADERS DREAM 7 (V,F) (R Berenson) Pat Mitchell 5-10-0 ... Dorte Mollertz 96
312 (4) 215001 OOZLEM 4 (B,CD,F) (Mrs W Faletti) R Flower 5-9-9 ... Mrs A Farrell ⓑ

RESERVE
313 (R) 00065/ GIVE IN 973J (D,G,S) (Miss L Dobson) Miss G Kelleway 7-9-6 ... — —

BETTING: 4-1 Oozlem, 6-1 Bill Moon, 7-1 Father Dan, 8-1 Prince Songline, 10-1 Avishayes, 12-1 others.

1993: SHINING JEWEL 6-10-7 Renee Kierans (11-2) Mrs L Piggott 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

PRINCE SONGLINE beat Little Miss Ribot 3½l in 14-runner handicap at Folkestone (1m 1f 149yd, good to firm) on penultimate start with OOZLEM (9lb better off) 6l 7th. AVISHAYES 2½l and short-head 3rd of 6 to Princess Maxine in apprentices' handicap at Carlisle (1m, hard) on penultimate start. FATHER DAN best recent effort beat Directors' Choice ½l in 12-runner handicap at Warwick (1m 3f, firm). CAPTAIN MARMALADE 6¾l 4th of 10 to Legal Fiction in seller over course and distance (good). WADERS DREAM 2l 3rd of 18 to Old Comrades in lady riders' selling handicap at Thirsk (6f, firm). OOZLEM beat Prejon 1¾l in 8-runner apprentices' handicap at Brighton (1m, firm) with ANORAK 1¾l 3rd.
Selection: PRINCE SONGLINE

3.45 OWENS ORCHID SWEET SOLERA STAKES (Listed race: 2-Y-O fillies: £12,908: 7f) (10 runners) C4

401 (6) 01121 SUBYA 23 (D,F,G) (Prince A A Faisal) J Dunlop 8-12 ... A McGlone 96
402 (4) 13311 DOM ONE 14 (D,F) (B Hathaway) J Berry 8-11 ... G Carter 82
403 (7) 114 WATCH THE CLOCK 23 (D,BF,F) (Cheveley Park Stud) D Loder 8-11 ... G Duffield 87
404 (9) 21512 FEMME SAVANTE 21 (F) (The Beardroom Syndicate) R Hannon 8-8 ... Pat Eddery ⓑ
405 (5) 312 JUMILLA 7 (C,BF,F) (Sheikh Mohammed) G Wragg 8-8 ... W Woods 91
406 (10) 1 JURAL 14 (D,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Johnston 8-8 ... P Robinson 84
407 (3) OPERA LOVER (Cheveley Park Stud) M Stoute 8-8 ... W R Swinburn —
408 (1) 2312 PAINTED MADAM 11 (F) (N Murray) B Hills 8-8 ... R Hills 97
409 (8) 1 RUPIANA 17 (D,F) (Mrs M Keogh) J Arnold 8-8 ... B Thomson 70
410 (2) 412422 THE JOTTER 30 (S) (Mrs D Allen) W Jarvis 8-8 ... L Piggott 96

BETTING: 7-2 Femme Savante, 5-1 Subya, 6-1 Painted Madam, 7-1 Jumilla, Jural, 8-1 Dom One, 10-1 Opera Lover, 12-1 Rupiana, The Jotter, 14-1 Watch The Clock.

1993: FAIRY HEIGHTS 8-8 A Munro (7-2) N Callaghan 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

SUBYA beat Miasma short-head in listed race at Sandown (7f, good) with WATCH THE CLOCK (2lb better off) 5l 4th. FEMME SAVANTE short-head 2nd to Brief Glimpse in 16-runner auction race at Newbury (5f, good to firm). JUMILLA neck 2nd of 5 to Flight Soundly in conditions race at Thirsk (6f, firm). JURAL beat Done Well short-head in maiden at Ayr (7f, good). PAINTED MADAM 1¾l 2nd of 8 to Lennox Lewis in nursery at Goodwood (6f, firm). THE JOTTER ½l 2nd of 8 to Fleet Hill in listed race over course and distance (good).
Selection: PAINTED MADAM (nap)

4.20 BRIERLEY INVESTMENTS HANDICAP (£23,963: 7f) (17 runners) C4

501 (12) 35-0010 EN ATTENDANT 28 (CD,BF,F,G) (Mrs G Newton) B Hanbury 6-10-0 ... L Piggott 97
502 (13) 035040 CELESTIAL KEY 12 (D,F,G) (M Brodrick) S Norton 4-9-13 ... G Carter 98
503 (17) 0-00015 EVERGLADES 28 (D,F,G) (Miss S Oppenheimer) R Charlton 6-9-6 ... Pat Eddery 94
504 (15) 532-016 VENTURE CAPITALIST 7 (B,F,G) (S Lever) R Hannon 5-9-4 ... R Perham 96
505 (8) 04-0112 FACE NORTH 9 (D,F,G,S) (Normandy Dev) R Akehurst 6-9-4 ... S Sanders (5) 98
506 (10) 352020 KAYVEE 9 (D,F) (J Richmond-Watson) G Harwood 5-9-2 ... M Perrett 98
507 (6) 520405 MISS HAGGIS 11 (CD,F,G) (P Asquith) R Boss 5-9-1 ... M Fenton (3) 97
508 (16) 423344 NO EXTRAS 15 (F,G,S) (K Higson) G L Moore 4-9-0 ... B Rouse 94
509 (2) 500006 SERIOUS 14 (C,G) (Mrs D Haynes) M Stoute 4-8-13 ... P Robinson 96
510 (1) 050211 ELLE SHAPED 10 (D,F,G) (Simple Technology) Mrs M Reveley 4-8-12 ... C Rutter 96
511 (3) 361421 DIME TIME 36 (D,F,S) (C Walt) J Gosden 3-8-10 ... W R Swinburn 96
512 (4) 020013 MY BEST VALENTINE 12 (D,F,G) (The Valentines) P Harris 4-8-10 ... A McGlone 96
513 (11) 412104 BELFRY GREEN 14 (CD,BF,F) (J Kelsey-Fry) C Horgan 4-8-7 ... W Woods 95
514 (7) 13-3102 DARING DESTINY 24 (D,F,G) (Mrs A Wright) K Burke 3-8-6 ... G Duffield ⓑ
515 (9) 365205 BALLAH SHACK 14 (D,F) (A Al Khalifa) G Lewis 3-8-5 ... A Whelan (7) 95
516 (14) 001634 TAWAFIJ 18 (D,BF,F,S) (S Laidlaw) T Dyer 5-8-3 ... Stephen Davies (3) 96
517 (5) 25-12 FAWARAN 36 (D,BF,S) (H Al Maktoum) A Stewart 4-8-3 ... R Hills 93

BETTING: 6-1 Face North, 7-1 Dime Time, 8-1 Belfry Green, 10-1 Everglades, My Best Valentine, 12-1 En Attendant, No Extras, Venture Capitalist, 14-1 Miss Haggis, Tawafij, 16-1 Daring Destiny, Fawaran, 20-1 others.

1993: EN ATTENDANT 5-9-12 W Ryan (11-1) B Hanbury 17 ran

FORM FOCUS

EN ATTENDANT beat Set The Fashion ¾l in 20-runner Bunbury Cup over course and distance (good) on penultimate start with TAWAFIJ (3lb better off) ¾l 3rd, CELESTIAL KEY (3lb better off) short-head 4th, BELFRY GREEN (3lb better off) 3½l 7th, SERIOUS (6lb better off) 2¾l 11th and KAYVEE (7lb better off) ½l 13th. EVERGLADES beat Kassbaan neck in 9-runner handicap at Haydock (7f, good to firm) on penultimate start. VENTURE CAPITALIST 3¾l 6th of 26 to For The Present in Stewards' Cup Handicap at Goodwood (6f, firm). Previously beat Law Commission short-head in 30-runner Wokingham Handicap at Ascot (6f, good to firm) with NO EXTRAS (1lb worse off) short-head 3rd, SERIOUS (8lb better off) 2½l 10th and EVERGLADES (3lb better off) 6l 18th. FACE NORTH neck 2nd of 19 to Fraam in Golden Mile Handicap at Goodwood (1m, firm) with KAYVEE (9lb better off) 7¾l 9th. NO EXTRAS 1¾l 4th of 10 to Loch Patrick in handicap at Ascot (5f, good to firm). ELLE SHAPED beat Garnock Valley 4l in claimer at Catterick (7f, good). DIME TIME beat BALLAH SHACK (5lb better off) 3l in handicap at Sandown (7f, good to firm). MY BEST VALENTINE 2½l 3rd of 10 to Tajdif in handicap at Newcastle (7f, good to firm). DARING DESTINY 2½l 2nd of 12 to Indian Fly in handicap at Sandown (7f, good). FAWARAN ¾l 2nd of 8 to Harpoon Louie in handicap at Beverley (1m 100yd, good to firm).
Selection: EVERGLADES

4.50 ANZ BANKING GROUP MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £4,653: 6f) (11 runners) C4

601 (11) 664220- ALANEES 295 (M Obaida) C Brittain 9-0 ... W R Swinburn ⓑ
602 (10) 2-4332 ALAZWAR 22 (H Al Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-0 ... R Hills 83
603 (1) 22202-5 BAGSHOT 7 (G Tee) R Hannon 9-0 ... R Perham 85
604 (2) 0045 CELESTIAL KNIGHT 17 (Twelve Of The Best) P Harris 9-0 ... P Robinson 71
605 (8) 0040 ELFLAND 9 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0 ... G Carter 70
606 (6) SAFETY FACTOR (K Abdulla) G Harwood 9-0 ... Pat Eddery —
607 (4) 2 TOVARICH 9 (Sir John Astor) W Hern 9-0 ... L Piggott 68
608 (5) 0-64 CAHERASS COURT 17 (J Long) B Meehan 8-9 ... C Rutter 67
609 (7) 3520-30 I'M YOUR LADY 29 (M Stokes) B McMahon 8-9 ... M Fenton (3) 82
610 (9) 6 LOVELY ME 28 (Mrs J O'Halloran) R Johnson Houghton 8-9 ... W Woods 84
611 (3) ROSINA'S FOLLY (Lavender Hill Leisure Ltd) R Hollinshead 8-9 ... A Eddery (7) —

BETTING: 2-1 Alanees, 7-2 Tovarich, 5-1 Alazwar, 6-1 Safety Factor, Elfland, 12-1 Bagshot, I'm Your Lady, 14-1 others.

1993: STORM CANYON 9-0 L Dettori (11-8 fav) J Gosden 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

ALANEES best effort last season when short-head 2nd of 5 to Polish Laughter in group II Mill Reef Stakes at Newbury (6f, good to soft). ALAZWAR 2½l 2nd of 10 to Minstrel's Gift in maiden over course and distance (good to firm) with ELFLAND 4l 4th. BAGSHOT 10½l 5th of 8 to Blockade in claimer at Goodwood (1m, firm). SAFETY FACTOR. Full brother to high class sprinter So Factual, dam won Cheveley Park Stakes. TOVARICH 1¾l 2nd of 10 to Towering Talent in maiden at Salisbury (6f, firm). CAHERASS COURT 11½l 4th of 11 to Ingozi in maiden at Yarmouth (7f, good) with CELESTIAL KNIGHT 3¾l 5th. I'M YOUR LADY 4¼l 3rd of 6 to Ya Malak in conditions race at Nottingham (5f, good to firm) on penultimate start. LOVELY ME 8l 6th of 15 to Dom Pennon in maiden at Lingfield (7f, good).
Selection: ALANEES

5.20 ULTIMATE HOLIDAYS HANDICAP (£6,019: 1m 2f) (10 runners)

1 (6) 00-0212 KNOWTH 11 (D,BF,F,G,S) (Ruelles Partners) R Akehurst 5-10-0 ... S Sanders (5) 95
2 (7) 241452 MARSOOM 14 (C,G) (H Salem) B Hanbury 3-9-12 ... P Robinson 90
3 (1) 23-2001 BOLD AMUSEMENT 17 (D,F,G) (D Bell) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-11 ... W Woods 94
4 (5) 4132 SHAR 43 (D,F) (H Al Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 3-9-11 ... R Hills 90
5 (3) 551253 DESERT CONQUEROR 14 (F) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) A Scott 3-9-3 ... W R Swinburn 91
6 (4) 052311 CONVOY POINT 14 (D,F,G) (Sultan Mohammed) M Stoute 3-9-3 ... M Fenton (3) 93
7 (10) 53050- PEACHES POLLY 310 (W Gredley) G Rimmer 4-8-13 ... R Price 94
8 (2) 2-55015 WEST BUOYANT 15 (CD,F) (S Khaled) J Dunlop 3-8-13 ... Pat Eddery ⓑ
9 (9) 022334 BARFORD LAD 8 (CD,BF,F,S) (Barford Bloodstock) J Fanshawe 7-8-7 ... L Piggott 98
10 (8) 5010-62 TANDIA 22 (F) (T Painting) M Pipe 3-8-2 ... G Carter 94

BETTING: 4-1 Convoy Point, 9-2 West Buoyant, 5-1 Knowth, 6-1 Bold Amusement, Marsoom, 7-1 Shaf, 8-1 others.

1993: ARKAAN 3-8-11 B Raymond (6-1) M Stoute 10 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
R Charlton	16	74	21.6	Pat Eddery	100	501	20.0
H Cecil	59	298	19.8	W R Swinburn	68	411	16.5
J Gosden	54	300	18.0	Stephen Davies	4	29	13.8
D Loder	6	34	17.6	L Piggott	24	205	11.7
M Stoute	45	295	15.3				
L Cumani	46	310	14.8	Only qualifiers			

Wandesta's Deauville test

PAT Eddery and Roger Charlton, who were successful with Yenda in a listed race at Deauville on Thursday, have fine prospects of following up at the Normandy course tomorrow, when Wandesta faces six opponents in the £34,325 Prix de Pomone (1m 5f 110yd).

Wandesta, who ran once last year, made a winning reappearance when beating Darrery in a listed race at Newmarket three weeks ago. Bright Moon (Thierry Jarnet), *who won this race last year, looks the main danger.*

River North (Kevin Darley) and Snurge (Richard Quinn) challenge two of the top German four-year-olds, stable-companions Monsun and Lando, in the £81,712 Aral-Pokal (1m 4f) at Gelsenkirchen-Horst tomorrow. Lester Piggott rides Sharp Prod in the £33,463 Grosser Preis von Berlin (6f 110yd) at Hoppegarten, Berlin.

HAYDOCK PARK

THUNDERER
2.00 Iron Gent
2.30 Gondo
3.00 CEZANNE (nap)
3.30 A Million To One
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Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.30 A Million To One.

GOING: GOOD SIS
DRAW 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.00 HARCOS TIMBER & BUILDING SUPPLIES STAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES HANDICAP (£5,833: 1m 6f) (9 runners) BBC1

1 (6) 503010 STAR PLAYER 15 (D,F,G) (P Smith) R Baker 8-10-0 ... J Quinn ⓑ
2 (3) 206-343 WINGS COVE 57 (D,BF,F) (E Cohen) Lady Herries 4-10-0 ... J Reid 94
3 (1) 004321 SOLOMON'S DANCER 12 (F) (W Haigh) W Haigh 4-9-10 ... B Raymond 96
4 (5) 650-066 ENCORE UNE FOIS 15 (C,F,G,S) (S & G Gettes) M Johnston 6-9-7 ... M Hills 97
5 (8) 4513 SALAM 29 (F) (Hamdan Al Maktoum) B Hills 3-9-5 ... W Carson 95
6 (2) 02-6521 IRON GENT 37 (CD,F) (Dr A Macchi) J Dunlop 3-9-0 ... L Dettori 96
7 (4) 0112-51 TUDOR ISLAND 34 (D,G) (D Steff) C Brittain 5-8-13 ... M Roberts 98
8 (9) 0-253 MELNIK 12 (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 3-8-12 ... D Holland 90
9 (7) 623 TETHYS 15 (M Gleeson) J Eyre 3-8-11 ... T Quinn 95

BETTING: 5-2 Iron Gent, 7-2 Tudor Island, 4-1 Wings Cove, 6-1 Solomon's Dancer, 7-1 Salam, 8-1 Encore Une Fois, 10-1 others.

1993: CUMBRIAN RHAPSODY 3-7-11 S Maloney (12-1) M Easterby 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

WINGS COVE 1¾l 3rd of 10 to Flight Lieutenant in handicap at York (1m 6f, good to firm). SOLOMON'S DANCER beat Secret Serenade 1¼l in 6-runner handicap at Newcastle (1m 4l 93yd, good to firm). ENCORE UNE FOIS about 9¾l 6th of 7 to Hullbopous in handicap at Chester (2m, good to firm), with STAR PLAYER (1lb worse off) 35¾l last. SALAM 7½l 3rd of 5 to Slasher Jack in handicap at York (1m 4f, good). IRON GENT beat Keen Bid 6l in 8-runner handicap over course and distance (good to firm). TUDOR ISLAND beat Head Turner a neck in 13-runner handicap at Sandown (1m 6f, good).
Selection: IRON GENT (nap)

2.30 CORAL HANDICAP (£10,625: 5f) (13 runners) BBC1

1 (8) 026648 GORINSKY 7 (CD,F,G,S) (W Robertson) J Berry 6-10-0 ... L Dettori 95
2 (7) 232400 TUSCAN DAWN 15 (D,G,S) (Mrs C Davers) J Berry 4-10-0 ... J Carroll 92
3 (6) 213-220 INHERENT MAGIC 11 (D,G) (Mrs S Stovold) M McCormack 5-9-13 ... M Roberts 98
4 (5) 220103 ALLTHRUTHENIGHT 21 (D,F,G) (G Stenberg) L Holt 5-9-3 ... J Reid 93
5 (12) 00-2540 MAGIC PEARL 14 (D,S) (G Sanderson) E Alston 4-9-1 ... S Knott (7) 97
6 (13) 211004 JUST BOB 15 (D,F,G,S) (J Fotherby) S Kettlewell 5-8-12 ... J Marshall (5) 94
7 (9) 611041 BOLD STREET 14 (C,D,G,S) (Codan Trust) A Bailey 4-8-12 ... D Wright (5) 95
8 (11) 000-220 BEAU VENTURE 43 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs A Stacey) F Lee 6-8-9 ... R Lappin 92
9 (2) 051422 SINNERS REPRIEVE 15 (BF,D,F,G) (Mrs J Mountfield) M H Easterby 3-8-9 ... M Birch 98
10 (1) 00-4085 MACFARLANE 29 (D,G,S) (P F-Godley) M Fetherston-Godley 6-8-9 ... F Norton 90
11 (3) 400000 CANTORIS 12 (B,CD,F,G) (G Crean) R Williams 8-8-0 ... T Williams 90
12 (4) 050203 GREEN'S BID 4 (G) (M Hill) D Chapman 4-8-0 ... W Carson 95
13 (10) 260602 GONDO 9 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs H O'Brien) E Alston 7-7-12 ... N Carlisle ⓑ

BETTING: 5-1 Gorinsky, 6-1 Inherent Magic, 7-1 Gondo, 8-1 Allthruthenight, Bold Street, Sinners Reprieve, 10-1 Green's Bid, Tuscan Dawn, 12-1 Beau Venture, 14-1 Just Bob, Magic Pearl, 16-1 Macfarlane, 25-1 Cantoris.

1993: GORINSKY 5-9-2 J Carroll (5-1 fav) J Berry 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

GORINSKY about 2l 5th of 26 to For The Present in the Steward's Cup at Goodwood (6f, firm), with GREEN'S BID (6lb better off) 3l 11th. TUSCAN DAWN best recent effort when 5l 4th of 15 to Misterlopogo in handicap at Newcastle (5f, firm), with SINNERS REPRIEVE (5lb worse off) head 5th, BEAU VENTURE (1lb better off) 6l 11th, CANTORIS (11lb better off) short-head 12th and JUST BOB (2lb better off) 5l 15th. INHERENT MAGIC neck 2nd of 10 to Princess Oberon in handicap at Newmarket (5f, good to firm) on penultimate start, with ALLTHRUTHENIGHT (5lb better off) 2½l 3rd. TUSCAN DAWN (4lb better off) about 4l 8th and CANTORIS (10lb better off) 1½l 10th. BOLD STREET beat Craigie Boy 2l in 9-runner handicap at Ayr (6f, good). SINNERS REPRIEVE ½l 2nd of 8 to Followmegirls in handicap at Pontefract (5f, good to firm) with JUST BOB (6lb better off) 2½l 14th. GONDO 2l 2nd of 9 to Warwick Warrior in apprentice jockeys handicap at Hamilton (5f, firm).
Selection: GORINSKY

3.00 BURTONWOOD BREWERY ROSE OF LANCASTER STAKES (Group III: £21,620: 1m 2f) (13 runners) BBC1

1 (13) 620-116 ALDERBROOK 67 (D,G,S) (E Pick) Mrs J Cecil 5-9-3 ... Paul Eddery 97
2 (3) 111141 CEZANNE 28 (D,F,G) (Godolphin) M Stoute 5-9-3 ... G Hind ⓑ
3 (12) 600-054 DEVIL'S HOLIDAY 5 (F) (M Haggs) M Kauntze 4-9-3 ... F Norton —
4 (2) 25-3204 NEEDLE GUN 27 (S Manana) C Brittain 4-9-3 ... M Roberts 90
5 (9) 1350-10 URGENT REQUEST 14 (F,S) (S Aitken) R Akehurst 4-9-3 ... T Quinn 94
6 (6) 11/50 WHITE CROWN 19 (F,S) (S Suhail) B Hanbury 4-9-3 ... B Raymond 81
7 (7) 100-025 WINGED VICTORY 50 (C,G) (Pin Oak Stable) J Gosden 4-9-3 ... L Dettori 92
8 (4) 536-136 WOOTTON RIVERS 79 (D,S) (Miss P Vagica) P Chapple-Hyam 4-9-3 ... J Reid 91
9 (11) 4-11052 ROYAL BALLERINA 14 (BF,G,S) (M Haga) M Kauntze (Ire) 4-9-0 ... W J O'Connor 94
10 (1) 142-254 INNISHOWEN 93 (G,S) (Conal Kavanagh) R Hannon 3-8-7 ... R Hughes 89
11 (10) 16-2541 LUHUK 21 (D,F,S) (H Al Maktoum) J Dunlop 3-8-7 ... W Carson 98
12 (8) 111-068 TATAMI 29 (S) (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 3-8-7 ... D Holland 93
13 (5) 11-0 GLATISANT 31 (G) (Sir Philip Oppenheimer) G Wragg 3-8-4 ... M Hills 86

BETTING: 3-1 Cezanne, 7-2 Luhuk, 7-1 Glatisant, Royal Ballerina, 8-1 Urgent Request, 12-1 Winged Victory 14-1 Alderbrook, Needle Gun, 16-1 Wootton Rivers, 28-1 Innishowen, Tatami, 33-1 White Crown, 200-1 Devil's Holiday.

1993: KNIFEBOX 5-8-7 M Roberts (11-10 fav) J Gosden 3 ran

FORM FOCUS

ALDERBROOK beat Wagon Master ½l in 12-runner listed race at Goodwood (1m 2l, good to soft) on penultimate start, with WOOTTON RIVERS (3lb better off) 8l 6th and WINGED VICTORY (3lb better off) ½l 7th. CEZANNE beat Midnight Legend neck in 16-runner Magnet Cup Handicap at York (1m 2f 85yd, good to firm). NEEDLE GUN 10l 4th of 6 to Royal Abjar in group II Brandenburg Trophy at Hoppegarten (1m, good). URGENT REQUEST beat Not In Doubt 7l in 11-runner handicap at Epsom (1m 4l, good to firm) on penultimate start. ROYAL BALLERINA 6¼l 5th of 11 to Bobzao in group II Hardwicke Stakes at Royal Ascot (1m 4l, good to firm) on penultimate start, with WINGED VICTORY 1¾l 6th. LUHUK beat Young Buster 2½l in 6-runner listed race at Newbury (1m 2l, good to firm). TATAMI 2¾l 6th of 9 to Lower Egypt in conditions race at Newbury (1m 2l, good to firm). GLATISANT beat Wild Planet head in 6-runner Prestige Stakes at Goodwood (7f, good) on penultimate start.
Selection: CEZANNE

3.30 TATTERSALLS MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,791: 5f) (10 runners)

1 (6) NETHER LANE (P Barr) F Lee 8-9 ... B Raymond —
2 (4) 60 DANCE OF THE HOURS 5 (Mrs G Maloney) R Hollinshead 8-7 ... T Quinn —
3 (10) 0 ILLUSTRE 23 (G Steinberg) L Holt 8-5 ... J Reid 82
4 (9) 0 THE ASPECTO GIRL 54 (Aspecto Clothing) M Johnston 8-5 ... L Dettori —
5 (5) 62 A MILLION TO ONE 12 (Million to Mind) M Bell 8-3 ... M Hills ⓑ
6 (2) 3536 HANGING JUDGE 53 (BF) (D Fish) J Berry 8-3 ... J Carroll 95
7 (8) 4 VIR CON DIOS 11 (E Richmond) J Eyre 8-3 ... F Norton 92
8 (1) 00 GUARDSMAN 64 (A R Stubbs) W Elsey 8-2 ... G Hind 80
9 (7) 0506 TARN LANE 17 (Mrs K Hall) R Whitaker 8-0 ... J Quinn 91
10 (3) 0 DAVID JAMES' GIRL 2 (D James Racing) A Bailey 7-11 ... D Wright (5) 86

BETTING: 3-1 A Million To One, 7-2 Ilustre, 9-2 Vir Con Dios, 5-1 Hanging Judge, 10-1 The Aspecto Girl, 12-1 David James' Girl, Tarn Lane, 14-1 others.

1993: STEPHENSONS ROCKET 8-9 T Quinn (11-4) J Berry 7 ran

4.00 EBF HERMITAGE GREEN MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O fillies: £3,647: 6f) (9 runners)

1 (8) 3 BAADERAH 17 (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) L Cumani 8-11 ... L Dettori 94
2 (3) 3 DIANA'S QUEST 22 (H Von Finck) G Wragg 8-11 ... M Hills 86
3 (7) GREEN SKAR (Central Racing) E Alston 8-11 ... D Holland —
4 (9) ILTIMAS (H Al Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-11 ... W Carson —
5 (6) 23 STAR TULIP 57 (N Jones) J Dunlop 8-11 ... J Reid 89
6 (4) WALHAANAH (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) M Jarvis 8-11 ... K Rutter (3) —
7 (2) 0 WESTERN HORIZON 15 (Clarendon Park) R Hannon 8-11 ... M Roberts 75
8 (5) 2 WESTERN REEL 84 (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 8-11 ... T Quinn ⓑ
9 (1) ZILAYAH (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 8-11 ... B Raymond —

BETTING: 5-2 Western Reel, 4-1 Diana's Quest, 9-2 Zilayah, 5-1 Star Tulip, Baaderah, 7-1 Iltimas, 10-1 Walhaanah, 12-1 Western Horizon, 20-1 Green Skar.

1993: MEHTHAAF 8-11 W Carson (2-1) J Dunlop 7 ran

4.30 HARVEY JONES RATED HANDICAP (£6,115: 1m 30yd) (8 runners)

1 (7) 116-000 LAP OF LUXURY 9 (D,F,G) (I Hill-Wood) W Jarvis 5-9-0 ... M Tebbutt 97
2 (3) 405008 BAND ON THE RUN 35 (D,F,G,S) (D Allen) B McMahon 7-8-10 ... J Reid 94
3 (5) 13422 CLOVIS POINT 32 (S) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-8-7 ... L Dettori 93
4 (2) 500110 MAHOOL 11 (D,F,G) (A Scott) A Scott 5-8-7 ... B Raymond ⓑ
5 (6) 3-03022 MONIS 18 (BF,F) (H Al Maktoum) T Thomson Jones 3-8-5 ... W Carson 98
6 (8) 0-00016 PRINCELY FAVOUR 58 (F,S) (C Hamer) R Hannon 4-8-4 ... M Roberts 98
7 (1) 334212 THREE IN ONE 43 (D,F) (W Scott) M Stoute 3-8-1 ... J Quinn 94
8 (4) 002240 CEE-JAY-AY 9 (D,F,G,S) (R Jinks) J Berry 7-8-0 ... G Bardwell 93

Long handicap: Cee-Jay-Ay 7-8.

BETTING: 5-2 Clovis Point, 7-2 Three In One, 4-1 Monis, 5-1 Lap Of Luxury, 6-1 Mahool, 7-1 Band On The Run, 10-1 Princely Favour, 16-1 Cee-Jay-Ay.

1993: TESHAMI 3-8-13 M Roberts (10-11 fav) J Gosden 10 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
G Wragg	5	15	33.3	J Reid	14	68	20.6
P Chapple-Hyam	5	16	31.3	M Roberts	21	104	20.2
J Gosden	25	83	30.1	L Dettori	22	113	19.5
R Williams	6	24	25.0	M Hills	15	87	17.2
P Walwyn	8	35	22.9	W Carson	14	91	15.4
W Jarvis	7	33	21.2	Paul Eddery	12	83	14.5

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Wednesday ready to sign Petrescu

By Alyson Rudd

DAN Petrescu, the Romania World Cup defender, is expected to finalise contract terms with Sheffield Wednesday today. The Sheffield club has agreed to pay Genoa £1.3 million for the 26-year-old full back and, subject to a medical today and the financial negotiations, Petrescu should face his World Cup team-mate, Ilie Dumitrescu, when Tottenham Hotspur visit Hillsborough for their opening FA Carling Premiership fixture in two weeks' time.

Petrescu, who is capable of playing on either flank, will bolster Wednesday's flagging defensive line-up. Roland Nilsson has returned to Sweden and Carlton Palmer moved this summer to Leeds United.

The club secretary, Graham Mackrell, said yesterday that the general euphoria surrounding the signings of World Cup stars by English teams has to be held in check: "We'll have to see how well they perform, but they are cost-effective when you consider the money being quoted for players in this country."

Although Tottenham were prepared to pay £3.5 million for the Republic of Ireland central defender, Phil Babb, a sum the Coventry City captain yesterday described as "staggering", the Coventry board yesterday turned down the bid.

Paul Ince's future with Manchester United, the favourites to retain their Premiership title, is in doubt following a hitch in the signing of the England midfield player's new contract. Martin Edwards, the United chairman and chief executive, said yesterday: "I must emphasise that we do not want to lose Paul Ince, but he is putting me in a difficult position."

Bournemouth, the Endsleigh Insurance League second division club, yesterday dismissed Tony Pulis as their manager. Pulis, who has been with the club for two years, had a further year left on his contract. Vince Bartram, the club's goalkeeper, is following him out of Dean Court, moving to Arsenal for a fee yet to be agreed.

On Monday, the club is expected to announce that its former manager, Harry Redknapp, will return. Redknapp, who is at present the assistant manager at West Ham United, is also being offered a seat on the board at Bournemouth, where he was manager for nine years, guiding the club through its most successful spell.

George Graham is marking the start of his ninth year as manager of Arsenal by hosting the Makita International tournament, which kicks off at Highbury today. Arsenal face Atlético Madrid and Chelsea take on Napoli to decide who meets in the third-place play-off and the final on Sunday.

Graham is every inch the magnaminous host: "I love pitting my wits against continental coaches because they always play different formations, a different type of football to the more pressing, physical aspect of the English game. So I absolutely love it. I absolutely thrive playing against continental teams," he said.

Arsenal, the European Cup-Winners' Cup-holders, are qualified to revel in international company, but their opposition this weekend will not be overawed. The Atlético Madrid squad includes 14 international players, among them Luis Garcia, of Mexico, Diego Simeone, of Argentina, and José Caminero, of Spain, all of whom excelled during the World Cup finals.

Napoli, who have qualified for the Uefa Cup, will relish the chance to play on English soil and Chelsea, last season's FA Cup finalists, are the holders of the Makita title.

The tournament gives Arsenal's £1.8 million summer signing, Stefan Schwarz, the opportunity to show the Highbury faithful he can be as influential as the stream of other World Cup players coming to these shores. Schwarz impressed Graham as part of the Benfica side that punished Arsenal in the European Cup. Given that Graham admits his squad is only "80 per cent there", Atlético and Napoli players could be under extra scrutiny.



Petrescu celebrates his goal against the United States during the World Cup

THUNDERER

2.35 Adaad. 3.05 It's So Easy. 3.35 Subzero. 4.05 Leif The Lucky. 4.35 Sue's Artiste. 5.05 Whittle Woods Girl. 5.35 Nouvelle Cuisine.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT SIS
DRAW: 6F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.35 BARASSIE MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,814: 7f) (8 runners)

1 3 ADAAD 31 N Graham 9-0 K Darley 5
2 3 BRECONGILL LAD 36 Miss S Hall 9-0 N Connorton 2
3 402 EIGHT SHARP 21 B Hills 9-0 D Harrison 7
4 003 PIPERS GLEN 28 C Parker 9-0 J Weaver 6
5 655 SECRET SERVICE 10 C Thornton 9-0 A Mackay 4
6 6 TAM TAIN 23 Miss L Perratt 9-0 J Lowe 8
7 3 BELINDA BLUE 60 R Fahey 8-9 Dale Gibson 3
8 0 KRALINGEN 17 N Chamberlain 8-9 N Kennedy 1

5-2 Eight Sharp, 3-1 Adaad, 7-2 Brecongill Lad, 5-1 Belinda Blue, 8-1 others.

3.05 OLD PRESTWICK SELLING HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,645: 7f) (9)

1 1100 IT'S SO EASY 8 (D,G) M Johnston 9-7 J Weaver 1
2 0501 ICANSPELL 9 (D,G) T Barron 9-4 K Darley 6
3 3000 AT THE SAVOY 7 C Booth 9-3 N Connorton 9
4 000 CHARLISTIONA 22 Mrs A Naughton 9-3 D Griffiths (7) 8
5 0020 BLASTER BATES 15 N Bycroft 9-2 D Harrison 5
6 6006 TARNSIDE TURBO 9 (B) J Eberington 9-1 Dale Gibson 3
7 6003 BUCKLEY BOYS 15 A Bailey 9-1 A Mackay 4
8 3003 WINGS AHEAD 18 C Fairhurst 8-10 N Kennedy 7
9 6030 PORTITE SOPHIE 9 M Brittain 8-9 J Lowe 2

5-2 Icanspell, 4-1 Wings Ahead, 5-1 It's So Easy, 6-1 At The Savoy, 8-1 Charlistiona, Portite Sophie, Buckley Boys, 10-1 others.

3.35 FULLERTON CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,952: 7f) (3)

1 3121 MANFUL 12 (F) J Hetherton 9-2 N Kennedy 3
2 3414 SUBZERO 7 (F) M Stoute 9-8 K Darley 1
3 51 TILER 26 (D,F) M Johnston 8-12 J Weaver 2

5-4 Manful, 6-4 Subzero, 9-4 Tiler.

4.05 ROTHMANS ROYALS NORTH-SOUTH CHALLENGE SERIES (Handicap: £6,536: 1m) (10)

1 1302 LEIF THE LUCKY 14 (D,G,S) Miss S Hall 5-9-11 N Connorton 10
2 -500 HUNTERS OF BRORA 9 (C,S) J Bethell 4-9-9 J Lowe 5
3 0301 BATTLE COLOURS 19 (CD,F,G) Mrs J Ramsden 5-9-7 K Darley 4
4 0336 ONCE MORE FOR LUCK 12 (D,G,S) M Johnston 3-9-6 J Weaver 1
5 4225 GHNOUR 14 (BF,G) E Alston 8-9-1 D Griffiths (7) 3
6 100 ZACAROON 46 (G) Lord Huntingdon 3-8-11 D Harrison 8
7 0005 MENTALASANYTHIN 22 (CD,BF,G,S) D Nicholls 5-8-10 [illegible] 2
8 2045 THE HAPPY LOON 14 (D,F,S) Denys Smith 3-[illegible] [illegible] (7) 6
9 0002 MASTER HYDE [illegible]
10 3036 DRUMDONNA 47 (C,D,F,G,S) J Berry 4-7-12 Dale Gibson 6

4-1 Leif The Lucky, 9-2 Battle Colours, [illegible], 7-1 Once More For Luck, Master Hyde, 8-1 Ghnour, 10-1 others.

4.35 SEAFIELD MAIDEN STAKES (£3,278: 1m 2f) (5)

1 0-5 KINGDOM OF SHADES 5 Miss S Hall 4-9-6 N Connorton 4
2 2-6 BEDOON RESOOM 15 J Gosden 3-8-11 J Lowe 3
3 BLUE JASPER J Gosden 3-8-11 J Weaver 5
4 5 BUCKLEY BELLE 26 A Bailey 3-8-6 A Mackay 1
5 225 SUE'S ARTISTE 21 B Hills 3-8-6 D Harrison 2

9-4 Bedoon Resoom, 5-2 Blue Jasper, 3-1 Sue's Artiste, 9-2 others.

5.05 BELLEISLE HANDICAP (£3,290: 6f) (6)

1 2141 BEST KEPT SECRET 9 (D,F,G,S) J Berry 3-9-10 J Weaver 6
2 2133 WHITTLE WOODS GIRL 9 (D,F,G,S) E Alston 3-9-7 D Griffiths (7) 5
3 3642 CRAIGIE BOY 14 (B,D,G,S) N Bycroft 4-8-13 N Connorton 4
4 4633 DIET 9 (V,CD,BF,F,G,S) Miss L Perratt 8-8-10 J Lowe 3
5 2031 ORIENTAL AIR 29 (C,F) E Weymes 3-8-6 D Harrison 1
6 2403 CAFE SOLO 8 N Bycroft 3-7-9 N Kennedy 2

3-1 Best Kept Secret, 7-2 Oriental Air, 4-1 Whittle Woods Girl, 5-1 others.

5.35 PORTLAND AMATEURS HANDICAP (£2,710: 1m 7f) (5)

1 2221 NOUVELLE CUISINE 17 (F) G Moore 6-12-0 Mrs L Pearce 5
2 1050 MEMORABLE 23 (G,S) J Hetherton 3-11-3 D Parker 3
3 -0U0 GYMCRAK CYRANO 7 (F) N Chamberlain 5-10-9 Miss C Metcalfe (7) 1
4 6553 ICE MAGIC 14 (V,G) F Yardley 7-9-13 Miss S Yardley (7) 2
5 -004 PLUM DENNIS 14 N Bycroft 3-9-12 Miss P Robson 4

7-4 Nouvelle Cuisine, 2-1 Ice Magic, 5-1 Memorable, 6-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: B Hills, 15 winners from 40 runners, 37.5%; M Stoute, 5 from 18, 27.8%; J Gosden, 6 from 25, 24.0%; Mrs J Ramsden, 12 from 57, 21.1%; T Barron, 9 from 49, 18.4%; A Bailey, 12 from 83, 14.5%.

JOCKEYS: K Darley, 45 winners from 191 rides, 23.6%; J Weaver, 8 from 55, 14.5%; Dale Gibson, 8 from 63, 12.7%. Only qualifiers.

THUNDERER

5.50 Elite Racing. 6.20 Mister O'Grady. 6.50 In Behind. 7.20 Quiz Time. 7.50 Helios. 8.20 Norling.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (TURF); STANDARD (AW) SIS
DRAW: 5F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

5.50 EBF LADY MARGARET MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O fillies: £2,720: 6f) (11 runners)

1 CUCKOOLAND R Hannon 8-11 D O'Neill (7) 7
2 5 DUSK IN DAYTONA 43 C James 8-11 S Raymont 9
3 22 ELITE RACING 10 P Cole 8-11 T G McLaughlin 4
4 LITTLE MISTRESS J Arnold 8-11 M J O'Hara 1
5 5 MEDIEVAL MISS 19 G Lewis 8-11 Paul Eddery 10
6 4 NOMADIC DANCER 7 A Scott 8-11 J Tate (3) 3
7 00 ROMANTIC FOLLY 31 B Meehan 8-11 W Newnes 2
8 46 SALLY SLADE 11 C Cyzer 8-11 J D Smith (7) 11
9 05 SALLY WELD 35 C Benstead 8-11 M Wigham 8
10 0 SUE'S RETURN 11 A Jarvis 8-11 T Sprake 6
11 SURBIVA J Arnold 8-11 B Thomson 5

5-2 Sally Slade, 3-1 Elite Racing, Nomadic Dancer, 7-1 Cuckooland, 8-1 others

6.20 LADY EVA SELLING HANDICAP (AW: £2,434: 1m 2f) (6)

1 3602 ROLLING WATERS 12 J Toller 4-9-10 W Newnes 4
2 3-10 YOUNG FACT 7 (C,F) A Newcombe 9-9-6 S Raymont 3
3 0051 MISTER O'GRADY 12 (CD,G) G L Moore 3-9-4 B Rouse 1
4 6000 MODESTO 44 (B,CD,B,S) K Cunningham-Brown 6-9-2 Paul Eddery 6
5 3500 DRAGONMIST 18 (V) L Holt 4-8-12 A McGlone 5
6 0000 FIVE AND FOUR 9 M Bell 3-7-7 M Baird (7) 2

7-4 Mister O'Grady, 11-4 Rolling Waters, 4-1 Young Fact, 5-1 others.

6.50 LADY BERNADETTE HANDICAP (AW: £2,898: 2m) (6)

1 1000 LUNAR RISK 53 (F,G) Miss B Sanders 4-9-10 W Newnes 4
2 6410 CLIBURNEL NEWS 15 (F,G) W Muir 4-9-9 Stephen Davies (3) 6
3 0241 PRINCELY GAIT 12 (C,F) C Cyzer 3-9-3 M Hall (7) 5
4 0050 KENYATTA 35 (C,G) A Moore 5-9-0 Candy Morris 3
5 6111 IN BEHIND 21 (CD,F,G) G L Moore 3-8-7 M Baird (7) 2
6 0553 NOBLE SOCIETY 14 M Usher 6-8-0 C Adamson (7) 1

7-4 In Behind, 11-4 Princely Gait, 9-2 Cliburnel News, 5-1 others.

7.20 LADY JANE CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,713: 5f) (8)

1 1 MELASUS 18 (F) D Arbuthnot 9-0 B Thomson 1
2 13 MUSICAL SEASON 16 (D,G) T Barron 9-0 K Darley 8
3 210 QUIZ TIME 21 (D,F) M Prescott 8-9 W Woods 4
4 21 VALERIE 49 (CD,F) J Payne 8-9 A McGlone 3
5 8 FRIENDLY LADY 56 W O'Gorman 8-6 T Ives 7
6 222 MIDNIGHT BREAK 45 (BF) P Walwyn 8-5 Pat Eddery 6
7 000 MO STOPHER 31 R Akehurst 8-5 G Carter 2
8 POMPEY BELLE W Haggas 8-5 J Tate (3) 5

9-4 Midnight Break, 4-1 Melasus, 9-2 Musical Season, 6-1 Valerie, Quiz Time, 8-1 Friendly Lady, 10-1 Pompey Belle, 20-1 Mo Stopher.

7.50 LADY ELIZABETH LIMITED STAKES (£3,590: 7f) (12)

1 3304 APOLLO RED 37 (CD,G,S) A Moore 5-9-10 Candy Morris 12
2 1232 VISIMOTION 16 (D,F) Mrs J Cecil 4-9-7 J Tate (3) 11
3 -000 EDUCATED PET 12 (C,F,G,S) P Evans 5-9-4 S Sanders 1
4 6004 ERTLON 15 (F) C Brittain 4-9-4 G Crealock 6
5 6322 HELIOS 22 (BF,D,F) N Walker 6-9-4 G Carter 3
6 5-50 MULLITOVER 159 (D,S) M Heaton-Ellis 4-9-4 Stephen Davies (3) 5
7 5205 SECOND CHANCE 68 (CD,F,S) P Mitchell 4-9-4 W Newnes 9
8 0010 BALLERINA BAY 21 (V,CD,F,G) D Thom 6-9-2 W Woods 2
9 1609 KERRIE-JO 50 (B,S) M Haynes 3-8-10 K Darley 4
10 4063 BAHRAIN STAR 66 (V) T Mills 3-8-7 Paul Eddery 10
11 -004 RAJMAPATA 29 (G) R Hannon 3-8-7 D O'Neill (7) 7
12 2222 WUSOOL 49 (BF) P Walwyn 3-8-7 Pat Eddery 8

3-1 Wusool, 7-2 Visimotion, 6-1 Helios, Ertlon, 8-1 Rajmapata, 10-1 others.

8.20 LADY CHRISTINE HANDICAP (£3,314: 6f) (9)

1 0306 ANOTHER JADE 10 (D,G,S) A Jarvis 4-9-10 J Tate (3) 6
2 5020 FAY'S SONG 12 (CD,F,S) R Akehurst 6-9-5 S Sanders (5) 7
3 6123 NORLING 7 (BF,D,G) K Cunningham-Brown 4-9-4 Pat Eddery 3
4 5042 GREY CHARMER 26 (D,F,G,S) C James 5-9-3 W Newnes 9
5 0010 LA PETITE FUSEE 12 (CD,G) R O'Sullivan 3-8-12 Stephen Davies (3) 8
6 0018 PADDY'S RICE 14 (D,F) L Holt 3-8-11 A McGlone 2
7 5342 SPECTACLE JIM 7 (B,D,G) J O'Donoghue 5-8-8 D R McCabe (5) 1
8 0005 LORINS GOLD 12 A Tonell 4-8-3 S Dawson 4
9 4403 BRAVE HERO 9 C Cyzer 4-7-9 E Johnson 5

7-2 Spectacle Jim, 4-1 Norling, 5-1 Fay's Song, Grey Charmer, 7-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: N Walker, 4 winners from 13 runners, 30.8%; T Barron, 11 from 51, 21.6%; M Prescott, 28 from 130, 21.5%; W O'Gorman, 34 from 168, 20.2%; Mrs J Cecil, 6 from 32, 18.8%; P Cole, 34 from 192, 17.7%.

JOCKEYS: K Darley, 9 winners from 34 rides, 26.5%; Stephen Davies, 14 from 92, 15.2%; S Raymont, 3 from 20, 15.0%; Pat Eddery, 10 from 68, 14.7%; T G McLaughlin, 6 from 47, 12.8%; P McCabe, 7 from 55, 12.7%.

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THUNDERER

2.15 Panther. 2.45 Sweet Mignonette. 3.20 Ever So Lyrical. 3.50 Bajan Rose. 4.15 Our Shadee. 4.45 Fort Vally. 5.15 Craigmill.

Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.50 BAJAN ROSE.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F-7F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.15 STAINTONDALE SELLING STAKES (£2,861: 7f) (13 runners)

1 5002 PANTHER 7 (G) J Hetherton 4-9-9 S Webster 8
2 3010 WINTER SCOUT 35 (F,G) Mrs M Reveley 6-9-9 J Fortune 1
3 /00 BARRYBEN 72 W Brisbourne 5-9-4 W Ryan 2
4 00-0 KEEP BATTLING 26 A Harrison 4-9-4 J Stack (7) 5
5 0 WILD ADVENTURE 4 D Chapman 5-9-4 V Halliday (7) 7
6 0-00 SPRING HIGH 37 (V,F,G) K Ivory 7-8-13 R Cochrane 10
7 0655 BAYOU 8 C Booth 3-8-12 A Culhane 11
8 05- EASY FOR ME 431 C Thornton 3-8-12 L Charnock 4
9 4002 BESCABY GIRL 15 (V) J Wainwright 3-8-7 J Fanning 3
10 0-00 MOKAITE 187 (D,F) J Berry 3-8-7 S D Williams 13
11 09 SURE GAIN 4 M H Easterby 3-8-7 S Maloney 9
12 0- TEE JAY BABY 365 W Storey 3-8-7 S Whitworth 12
13 00 VAILA 7 Mrs M Reveley 3-8-7 G Parkin (7) 6

9-4 Winter Scout, 11-4 Panther, 5-1 Mokaite, 7-1 Bescaby Girl, 8-1 others.

2.45 BONUSPRINT FILLIES HANDICAP (£4,469: 1m 2f) (5)

1 2045 EFIZIA 14 (C,D,F,S) Mrs M Reveley 4-10-0 S Copp (7) 5
2 0-46 SWEET MIGNONETTE 10 (C,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 6-9-9 R Cochrane 3
3 -005 TANSY 57 (B,C,S) G Wragg 3-9-3 J Fortune 1
4 5143 SHARP FALCON 12 (CD,F) J Wharton 3-8-12 W Ryan 4
5 5603 LAST QUARRY 11 Mrs J Ramsden 3-7-13 J Fanning 2

2-1 Sweet Mignonette, 3-1 Tansy, 7-2 Efizia, Last Quarry, 6-1 Sharp Falcon.

3.20 PAUL DANIELS HANDICAP (£7,454: 1m) (14)

1 1161 PARLIAMENT PIECE 15 (B,C,D,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 8-10-0 W Ryan 12
2 -214 EVER SO LYRICAL 21 (D,F,G) P Harris 4-10-0 R Cochrane 6
3 1641 SOOTY TERN 7 (D,F,G,S) J Bradley 7-9-10 Mark Denaro (7) 9
4 1603 PRIDE OF PENDLE 3 (C,D,F,G) D Nicholls 5-9-6 Alex Greaves 5
5 1222 CELESTIAL CHOIR 9 (B,D,F,G) J Eyre 4-9-6 J Fortune 14
6 5212 MAM'ZELLE ANGOT 15 (D,BF,S) Miss S Hall 4-9-4 A Procter (5) 13
7 2244 MCA BELOW THE LINE 19 (V,C,F,G,S) W Barker 6-9-4 V Halliday (7) 11
8 5125 SELF EXPRESSION 11 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs J Ramsden 6-9-0 G Parkin (7) 10
9 -504 I REMEMBER YOU 16 F Lee 4-9-0 A Culhane 8
10 3330 DUKE OF DREAMS 17 (C,F) Mrs Reveley 4-8-11 S Whitworth 7
11 0014 NORTHERN CHIEF 14 (D,F,S) M H Easterby 4-8-9 S Maloney 2
12 -331 COUREUR 9 (D,F) J Bethell 5-8-7 J Stack (7) 4
13 0000 CHAIRMANS CHOICE 9 (D,G) A Jarvis 4-8-4 N Varley (5) 3
14 5316 THATCHED 8 (CD,F) R Barr 4-8-0 J Fanning 1

9-2 Coureur, 6-1 Ever So Lyrical, Sooty Tern, 7-1 Pride Of Pendle, 8-1 Parliament Piece, 10-1 Mam'zelle Angot, 12-1 Celestial Choir, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: P Harris, 6 winners from 21 runners, 28.6%; G Wragg, 5 from 21, 23.8%; H Cecil, 7 from 31, 22.6%; M Stoute, 7 from 31, 22.6%; J Dunlop, 7 from 36, 19.4%; J Wharton, 4 from 24, 16.7%.

JOCKEYS: J Stack, 3 winners from 15 rides, 20.0%; R Cochrane, 6 from 34, 17.6%; W Ryan, 13 from 81, 16%; M Tebbutt, 7 from 44, 15.9%; S D Williams, 3 from 23, 13.0%.

3.50 MIDDLETON MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,611: 5f) (10)

1 52 AVANT HUIT 16 Mrs N Macauley 8-11 J Fortune 8
2 6 BABY BOB 26 J Eustace 8-11 R Cochrane 10
3 33 BAJAN ROSE 45 M Blanshard 8-11 W Ryan 1
4 62 BREAKFAST CREEK 11 J Berry 8-11 L Charnock 7
5 2055 DOMBELLE 23 M H Easterby 8-11 S Maloney 5
6 45 FLOODLINE LADY 15 M Johnston 8-11 J Fanning 3
7 MISS IRON HEART D Cosgrove 8-11 L Newton (5) 9
8 PATS DELIGHT S Coathup 8-11 S Whitworth 4
9 SO AMAZING Miss S Hall 8-11 S Webster 2
10 3 SPRING TO STARDOM 14 Mrs V Aconley 8-11 J Stack (7) 6

9-4 Bajan Rose, 11-4 Breakfast Creek, 7-2 Avant Huit, 8-1 others

4.15 LEVY BOARD CLAIMING HANDICAP (£3,204: 6f) (22)

1 0600 BLUE GRIT 4 (B,C,D,F,G,S) M Dods 8-9-13 S Whitworth 18
2 6053 FIGHTER SQUADRON 9 (B,F,G) J Glover 5-9-13 S D Williams 2
3 5206 WOLF POWER 4 (G) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-13 G Parkin (7) 17
4 3005 MU-ARRIK 23 (V,CD,F) G Oldroyd 6-9-11 S Webster 20
5 6031 OLD COMRADES 7 (D,F,G) T Barron 7-9-9 J Fortune 14
6 0326 OUR SHADEE 10 (V,D,F) K Ivory 4-9-9 R Cochrane 3
7 2060 BALLAD DANCER 7 (CD,F,G,S) P Calver 9-9-8 A Culhane 22
8 0036 FIRST PLAY 16 (CD,G) M Johnston 4-9-7 A Proud 10
9 4363 INVIGILATE 3 (CD,F,G) M Wane 5-9-6 W Ryan 6
10 0020 DANTE'S RUBICON 12 J Bethell 3-9-4 V Halliday (7) 7
11 55F0 KALAR 10 (B,F,G) D Chapman 5-9-3 J Stack (7) 11
12 0500 ASTERIX 22 (V,D,F,G) J Bradley 6-9-2 Mark Denaro (7) 19
13 4544 REALITY PARK 15 (B) M H Easterby 3-9-1 S Maloney 5
14 0500 KIRA 7 Miss L Siddall 4-9-1 N Varley (5) 1
15 00-0 CUDDLY DATE 7 (G) W Cunningham 4-8-13 C Teague (7) 4
16 -054 BLACK BOY 7 (B) R Marvin 5-8-8 L Charnock 8
17 5000 STEEL SOVEREIGN 7 (B,CD,F) Mrs M Reveley 3-8-7 Martin Dwyer (7) 15
18 3000 WALTER STREET 4 (B) C Fairhurst 9-8-6 J Fanning 9
19 6-60 MUSICAL MARCH 7 E Weymes 3-8-4 B Russell (5) 13
20 0506 SKIPTAMALOO 7 (V) Don Enrico Incisa 3-8-1 Kim Tinkler 16
21 0000 ROBRO 14 W Brisbourne 4-8-1 P Fessey (7) 21
22 0050 PERSIAN LION 8 F Watson 5-7-7 NON-RUNNER 12

6-1 Old Comrades, 7-1 Wolf Power, Invigilate, 8-1 Black Boy, 9-1 Blue Grit, 10-1 First Play, Fighter Squadron, 12-1 Our Shadee, Ballad Dancer, 14-1 others.

4.45 GO RACING IN YORKSHIRE APPRENTICE MAIDEN HANDICAP (£3,134: 1m 1f) (14)

1 0063 HIMALAYAN 31 A Stewart 3-9-10 Adele Shelford (10) 5
2 5600 SWEETINGS PISCES 21 (B) M H Easterby 3-9-10 P Bowe 10
3 5860 FORT VALLY 22 B Murray 4-9-8 Martin Dwyer (3) 7
4 4-00 NILEGUNNER 29 W Brisbourne 3-9-8 S Brown (10) 13
5 5500 COZZI 29 J Bradley 6-9-6 Wendy Jones (5) 1
6 0620 DIAMOND CROWN 22 Martyn Wane 3-9-5 S Copp 3
7 0400 FLASHELLA 8 J Hetherton 4-9-4 A Lakeman (5) 8
8 -502 CARLTON EXPRESS 16 J Eyre 4-9-3 G MacDonald (10) 14
9 6650 ALTA VICTORIA 7 Mrs A Swinbank 4-9-2 B Thomas 12
10 4360 AUCKLAND CASTLE 18 Denys Smith 3-9-2 C Teague (3) 11
11 4064 FLASHMAN 9 (B) F Lee 4-9-1 C Scudder (5) 9
12 -002 INTREPID FORT 32 (B) B Murray 5-8-8 M Dwering (3) 2
13 0006 PARKS PRIDE 8 (V) J Bradley 3-8-6 R Waterfield (3) 4
14 0000 THROW AWAY LINE 49 R Barr 5-8-0 P Fessey (5) 6

4-1 Carlton Express, 9-2 Alta Victoria, 5-1 Himalayan, 7-1 Intrepid Fort, 8-1 Fort Vally, 10-1 Flashman, Auckland Castle, 12-1 others.

5.15 EBF SINNINGTON MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,585: 7f) (8)

1 0 ABSOLUTE CARD 60 M H Easterby 8-11 S Maloney 6
2 00 BALLARD LADY 60 J Wainwright 8-11 L Charnock 5
3 BRAVE REVIVAL M Stoute 8-11 P D'Arcy 4
4 2 CRAIGMILL 42 H Cecil 8-11 W Ryan 8
5 32 HULLAB 68 (BF) J Dunlop 8-11 S Whitworth 1
6 52 POPPY CAREW 22 P Harris 8-11 R Cochrane 3
7 04 PRUDENT PET 17 C Fairhurst 8-11 J Fanning 7
8 THATCHER'S ERA T Barron 8-11 J Fortune 2

6-4 Craigmill, 5-2 Hullab, 11-4 Brave Revival, 5-1 Poppy Carew, 16-1 others.

WORCESTER

THUNDERER

6.10 Va Utu. 6.40 Alan Ball. 7.10 Tordo. 7.40 Crews Castle. 8.10 Gesnera. 8.40 Alqairawaan.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

6.10 POLLY GARTER SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,984: 2m) (16 runners) SKY

1 433- VA UTU 266 (D,F,G) M Channon 6-11-10 Lorna Vincent
2 4S-1 QUALITAIR MEMORY 7 (D,F,G,S) A Jones 5-10-12 S McNeill
3 P30- EMERALD GEM 105 (V,S) R Juckes 8-10-4 N Juckes (7)
4 601- LUCAYAN GOLD 19F (F) K Bishop 10-10-3 D Morris
5 50P- SAILOR BOY 323F (G) D Burchell 8-10-3 D J Burchell
6 P06- GLOSSY 72 (D,G) Mrs M McCourt 7-10-0 D Gallagher
7 F3-3 HAVE A PARTY 7 (D,S) Mrs S Williams 7-10-0 C Llewellyn
8 0R0- SECRET CASTLE 43F (D,F) B Baugh 6-10-0 T Wall
9 05-4 DOCK OF THE BAY 7 P McBride 4-10-0 D Bridgwater
10 33-2 SALLY OF THE ALLEY 8 Mrs S Smith 4-10-0 Richard Guest
11 3PP- WILL BONNY 79 W G M Turner 7-10-0 M Griffiths (7)
12 22-4 REACH FOR GLORY 5 W G M Turner 5-10-0 R Dunwoody
13 /P- ADIO 124 J Bostock 7-10-0 D Byrne
14 40F- BOWLAND GIRL 64 (V) J Peacock 5-10-0 R Bellamy
15 P00- CORNS LITTLE FELLA 135 D Geraghty 6-10-0 R Supple
16 /40- THEM TIMES 38F F Jordan 5-10-0 J Lodder

9-2 Qualitair Memory, 5-1 Va Utu, 6-1 Lucayan Gold, Lucayan Gold, 8-1 Emerald Gem, 10-1 Dock Of The Bay, 12-1 Reach For Glory, 14-1 others

6.40 MILK WOOD NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £1,769: 2m) (13) SKY

1 43-2 ALAN BALL 8 (F,B,S) Miss S Wilton 8-11-0 G McCourt
2 20-3 ARCTIC LIFE 8 J Jenkins 5-11-0 A Maguire
3 CANOVAS HEART 190F Bob Jones 5-11-0 V Smith
4 0- COTTAGE RAIDER 288 C Weedon 5-11-0 Peter Hobbs
5 2P6- SYLVAN SABRE 133F K Morgan 5-11-0 A S Smith
6 00- AMAZING AIR 22F D Burchell 4-10-11 Mr S Blackwell
7 054- DREAM START 98 Mrs S Smith 4-10-11 Richard Guest
8 MUTAWALI 30F R Baker 4-10-11 L Harvey
9 065- DALBEATTIE 58 P Dalton 5-10-9 W Marston
10 604- LAURA 68 R Brotherton 5-10-9 T Jenks (3)
11 54-5 MRS NORMAN 7 Mrs N Macauley 5-10-9 N Williamson
12 REACH FORWARD 803F F Murphy 5-10-9 B Murphy (5)
13 RED TAG 14F Miss K George 4-10-6 D Skyrme

3-1 Alan Ball, 7-2 Sylvan Sabre, 5-1 Mutawali, 6-1 Arctic Life, 8-1 others.

7.10 NOGOOD BOYO JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £1,846: 2m) (13) SKY

1 4 DERRABY 7 A James 10-12 R Bellamy
2 DRAGON MAN 14F B Baugh 10-12 T Wall
3 F GREENBACK 7 P Hobbs 10-12 Peter Hobbs
4 HEIGHT OF DECORUM 88F Miss K George 10-12 D Skyrme
5 L'AVENTURE 313F Mrs J Pitman 10-12 W Marston
6 U MYTTON'S CHOICE 8 A Bailey 10-12 T Kent
7 PERFECT FINISHER Bob Jones 10-12 V Smith
8 PLATO'S REPUBLIC 21F J Jenkins 10-12 A Maguire
9 PRIMOST 269F F Murphy 10-12 Gee Armytage
10 SAHAH 84F I Campbell 10-12 R Campbell
11 TORDO 55F C Mann 10-12 R Dunwoody
12 2 LORCANJO 7 M Channon 10-7 Lorna Vincent
13 MY MOONA 18F P Hobbs 10-7 M Hourigan

3-1 L'Aventure, 5-1 Dragon Man, Greenback, Plato's Republic, 7-1 Lorcanjo, Mytton's Choice, 14-1 My Moona, 16-1 Primost, 20-1 others.

7.40 WORCESTER ROWING CLUB NOVICES CHASE (£2,185: 2m 4f 110yd) (10) SKY

1 233- CREWS CASTLE 64 (G) J Jenkins 7-11-0 N Williamson
2 P24- DUNKERY BEACON 68 H Howe 8-11-0 P McLoughlin (5)
3 0/U EXPRESS TRAVEL 7 R Curtis 6-11-0 D Morris
4 0/ GOLDEN PACT 1038 T McGovern 8-11-0 W McFarland
5 834- HIGHLY DECORATED 98 (G) Mrs S Smith 9-11-0 Richard Guest
6 4/0 HTHAAL 8 (S) P Evans 6-11-0 M A Fitzgerald
7 1F-3 SO DISCREET 7 (F,S) J White 6-11-0 A Maguire
8 504- VAZON EXPRESS 67 P Dalton 8-11-0 W Marston
9 53F- ELITE REG 287 (B,F,G,S) M Pipe 5-10-11 R Dunwoody
10 31P- SHIMMERING SCARLET 78 (F,G) R Buckler 6-10-9 B Powell

2-1 Elite Reg, 3-1 So Discreet, 9-2 Crews Castle, 7-1 Shimmering Scarlet, 8-1 Highly Decorated, 10-1 Vazon Express, 12-1 Dunkery Beacon, 14-1 others.

8.10 LLAREGGYB HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,990: 2m 2f) (6)

1 252- SPRING TO GLORY 7F (F,G) P Hayward 7-11-10 A Maguire
2 12- C D SHAREPLAN 306 (F) M Channon 4-11-10 Lorna Vincent
3 121- GESNERA 38F (F,G) K White 6-11-5 G McCourt
4 140- MUSKORA 79 (C,D,F,G) P Hobbs 5-11-3 R Dunwoody
5 254- KHALIDI 77 (G) D Gandolfo 5-11-2 M Dwyer
6 33-1 FRENDLY FELLOW 8 (B,F,G) F Jordan 10-10-0 J Lodder

5-2 Gesnera, 7-2 Spring To Glory, 4-1 C D Shareplan, 9-2 Muskora, 6-1 Frendly Fellow, 10-1 Khalidi.

8.40 MILK WOOD NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £1,753: 2m) (10)

1 ALQAIRAWAAN 42F C Mann 5-11-0 C Llewellyn
2 FF5- GEORGE LANE 64 F Jordan 6-11-0 J Lodder
3 65U- BOLTROSE 63 K White 4-10-11 A Maguire
4 50- MR VINCENT 33F K Morgan 4-10-11 A S Smith
5 P04- SOLO CHARTER 59F J Mullins 4-10-11 S Earle
6 0- STEEL GOLD 24F A Bailey 4-10-11 T Kent
7 PRETONIC 9F (V) R Juckes 6-10-9 D Bridgwater
8 SUPER DELIGHT 1089F (B) D Gandolfo 5-10-9 D Meade
9 400- ARE YOU HAPPY 193 D Geraghty 4-10-6 R Supple
10 KARDELLE 73F M Charles 4-10-6 R Dunwoody

5-4 Alqairawaan, 3-1 Pretonic, 8-1 Solo Charter, Mr Vincent, 10-1 Super Delight, 14-1 Boltrose, Are You Happy, 16-1 others.

THUNDERER

6.00 East Barns. 6.30 Off The Air. 7.00 Yacht. 7.30 Quinzii Martin. 8.00 Bitch. 8.30 Classy.

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

6.00 BUCKET & SPADE HANDICAP (£2,976: 1m 1f 79yd) (12 runners)

1 430/ SURE TO WIN 505J (G) J Carr 5-10-0 S Morris 12
2 230/ FLUIDITY 198J (B) J O'Shea 6-10-0 V Slattery 2
3 -600 HEART OF SPAIN 75 (G,S) P Bevan 4-9-13 D Denby (7) 9
4 0010 CERTAIN WAY 54 (G) N Littmoden 4-9-10 D Holland 4
5 0020 EASTLEIGH 9 (G,S) R Hollinshead 5-8-7 S Perks 5
6 6043 EAST BARNS 3 (B,F,G) S Gollings 6-9-2 P McCabe (5) 6
7 2122 RIVER JUNCTION 18 (C,BF,G) P Haslam 3-9-1 T Williams 3
8 3106 VIVS FUTURE 128 (G) D Burchell 3-8-12 D Wright (5) 11
9 -046 SHALHOLME 23 (G) P Murphy 4-8-6 J Williams 10
10 4086 KENILWORTH FORD 14 J Wilson 3-8-1 G Bardwell 1
11 0043 SHANSI 14 (V) M Usher 3-8-0 R Street 8
12 0-00 FLYING DOWN TO RIO 54 (D,G) G Barnett 6-7-9 N Carlisle 7

3-1 River Junction, 9-2 Vivs Future, 5-1 East Barns, Shansi, 6-1 others.

6.30 CANDY-FLOSS SELLING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,174: 1m 1f 79yd) (7) SKY

1 4450 CHASTIZE 4 R Hollinshead 9-0 S Perks 3
2 5802 LOVE OF THE NORTH 14 (B,G) R Juckes 9-0 A Garth (5) 5
3 104P OFF THE AIR 14 (V,G,S) Lord Huntingdon 9-0 D Holland 4
4 0 TECHNOLOGICAL RISK 28 D Burchell 9-0 J Williams 6
5 0-5 AWFULLY RISKY 14 P Evans 8-9 J Quinn 2
6 3204 NEVER SO TRUE 15 P Haslam 8-9 T Williams 1
7 6009 TIMES ZANDO 11 (F,G) J Wilson 8-9 G Bardwell 7

11-4 Off The Air, 7-2 Love Of The North, Never So True, 9-2 others.

7.00 EBF STARFISH MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,526: 7f) (10) SKY

1 0 DANCE MOTION 21 M Jarvis 9-0 K Rutter (3) 10
2 8004 JENTHORN BISHOP 19 J Bridger 9-0 G Bardwell 8
3 3 LEGAL ISSUE 14 M Prescott 9-0 G Duffield 4
4 623 MILLION DANCER 16 R Hannon 9-0 J Williams 2
5 OUR TOM J Wharton 9-0 N Adams 3
6 0 ROCK FOUNDATION 32 P Haslam 9-0 T Williams 1
7 53 YACHT 35 B Hills 9-0 D Holland 8
8 BELLESONNETTE D Haydn Jones 8-9 D Wright (5) 7
9 8604 HEY UP DOLLY 22 J Berry 8-9 P Roberts (7) 9
10 65 DWOBETTS 17 G L Moore 8-9 J Quinn 5

5-2 Yacht, 3-1 Million Dancer, 7-2 Legal Issue, 7-1 Dance Motion, 8-1 others.

7.30 SAND CASTLE HANDICAP (£2,857: 7f) (12) SKY

1 4032 TYRIAN PURPLE 56 (B,D,F,G) T Naughton 6-10-0 D Holland 12
2 -500 EXCLUSION 26 (G) P Haslam 5-9-10 T Williams 3
3 0650 BOLD MICK 29 (G) D Murray Smith 3-9-7 C Hodgson (3) 4
4 00-1 LITTLE ROUSILLON 31 (D,B,S) W Musson 6-9-7 G Bardwell 6
5 2000 MAIN BRACE 26 M Heaton-Ellis 3-9-2 G Duffield 11
6 5800 QUINZII MARTIN 57 (CD,G) D Haydn Jones 6-9-1 J Williams 8
7 0314 CHARLIES DREAM 168 (C,G) K Burke 3-8-13 D Wright (5) 10
8 -050 INDIAN SERENADE 26 P Harris 3-8-8 N Adams 2
9 0000 SALUTING WALTER 40 (B) P Evans 6-8-5 J Quinn 7
10 0400 SHAYNES DOMAIN 33 G L Moore 3-8-3 A Whelan (7) 5
11 0003 GARRALLAN 22 L Cottrell 4-8-0 N Carlisle 9
12 4005 DAME LORRAINE 14 (B) S Knight 3-7-11 F Norton 1

11-4 Tyrian Purple, 9-2 Charlies Dream, 5-1 Little Rousillon, 12-1 others.

8.00 SEA BREEZE CLAIMING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,387: 6f) (13)

1 0 GISFY 26 W Muir 9-1 D Holland 8
2 02 TEE TEE TOO 28 P Haslam 8-11 J Weaver 7
3 4213 MARIPOSA LILY 15 (V,CD,G) Lord Huntingdon 8-6 D Harrison 6
4 5 SUMMER VILLA 19 P Haslam 8-6 T Williams 1
5 HOT BREEZE L Barratt 8-5 D Wright (5) 13
6 PATS LADS D Burchell 8-5 J Williams 2
7 6560 SAXON HEIR 59 (V,G) M Usher 8-5 R Street 12
8 2112 FAIRY FAY 19 (CD,G) J Berry 8-4 G Duffield 10
9 040 SOMETHING SPEEDY 21 P Bevan 8-4 C Hawksley (5) 4
10 3319 GIGGLESWICK GOSSIP 19 (D,F) M Channon 8-2 G Bardwell 5
11 8493 EUCHAN FALLS 22 (D,G) J A Harris 8-1 Dale Gibson 11
12 000 VAX AGAIN 21 J Spearing 8-0 A Mackay 9
13 3122 BITCH 14 (D,F) G Lewis 7-12 A Whelan (7) 3

5-2 Mariposa Lily, 7-2 Euchan Falls, Fairy Fay, 6-1 Giggleswick Gossip, 8-1 others.

8.30 DECK-CHAIR MAIDEN HANDICAP (£2,950: 1m 4f) (12)

1 0502 SAGASAN 14 W Muir 3-10-0 J Weaver 6
2 0000 SASSIVER 68 R Hollinshead 4-9-11 S Wynne (5) 4
3 5854 TOTAL ASSET 10 (V) T Caldwell 4-9-10 P McCabe (5) 9
4 -003 CLASSY 29 (BF) B Hills 3-9-6 D Holland 7
5 -302 IDLE HOUND 8 M Prescott 3-9-4 G Duffield 5
6 0525 SHUTTLINGSLOW 10 M Bell 3-8-4 M Fenton (3) 12
7 0200 ROBERO 14 K White 3-9-4 A Garth (5) 11
8 0-00 LOFTY DEED 19 W Musson 4-8-3 J Quinn 8
9 0/00 HANLEY'S HANDS 71 J O'Shea 5-9-2 V Slattery 1
10 4230 FLIM FLAM ALY 3 (B) L Barratt 5-9-0 A Mackay 10
11 6254 DORMSTON BOYO 14 K White 4-9-0 J Williams 2
12 0690 NOBLE MEASURE 5 (B) S Bowring 4-8-13 S D Williams 3

9-4 Sagasan, 7-2 Classy, 5-1 Idle Hound, 7-1 Shuttlingslow, 8-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Prescott, 7 winners from 15 runners, 46.7%; Lord Huntingdon, 9 from 35, 25.7%; P Haslam, 7 from 30, 23.3%; J Berry, 14 from 62, 22.6%; M Channon, 3 from 15, 20.0%.

JOCKEYS: G Duffield, 5 winners from 15 rides, 33.3%; J Weaver, 24 from 85, 28.2%; D Harrison, 4 from 25, 16.0%; S D Williams, 4 from 28, 14.3%; G Bardwell, 5 from 36, 13.9%.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Redcar: 2.45 Tansy. 3.20 Celestial Choir. 4.15 Steel Sovereign, Walter Street. Wolverhampton: 6.00 Shansi. 6.30 Off The Air, Love Of The North. 7.30 Dame Lorraine. Worcester: 8.40 Pretonic, Super Delight.

Burns searches for signings of high calibre

Kevin McCarra assesses the catalogue of problems, both on and off the pitch, that are facing the new manager of Celtic

Tommy Burns yesterday provided a vivid illustration of the scale of his ambitions and the resistance with which they will be met. The Celtic manager admitted that a £1 million bid for an unnamed player with another Scottish club had been flatly refused.

Speculation suggested that his target concerned Phil O'Donnell, the young Motherwell and Scotland midfield player, who was reported to be interesting Liverpool last season, or Alan McLaren, the Heart of Midlothian central defender. Others consider the inquiry could have concerned Scott Booth, the Aberdeen striker, since there now appear to be a surplus of forwards on the Pittodrie books.

Whatever the accuracy of the identification, Burns's offer points to a change of policy at Celtic Park. The club has, of late, dabbled in signings of cheaper and less-coveted players. Burns, who was appointed last month, has apparently set his face against such transactions and would prefer to start the season without any new purchase if he cannot secure a player of considerable status.

The absence of fresh players has been the only symptom of stagnation this week. All else has been tumult. On Monday, Burns spoke out angrily against some of the directors who survived following the takeover by Fergus McCann, the Scots-Canadian millionaire, in March. One member of the board, Jack McGinn, the former chairman, then confirmed that he would not be standing for re-election later this month.

Three other boardroom members of the old regime — Kevin Kelly, Tom Grant and Jim Farrell — may now be reagrded as an endangered species. McCann intends to appoint new directors and it seems likely that the chairmanship will be offered to Brian Quinn, a Glaswegian, who is a director of the Bank of England. The sounds of destruction emanating from Celtic Park do not all result from the recasting of the power structure. The demolition of threequarters of the ground has now begun.

By the completion of the rebuilding, and after expenditure of £24 million, in 1996, Celtic will have what is virtually a new stadium. It is also planned to be the biggest club ground in Britain, with a capacity of over 60,000.

The year Celtic must spend as lodgers at Hampden Park got off to a troubled start when Flamengo, of Brazil, their opponents for a pre-season match on Tuesday, refused to take the field until they had received their fee of $90,000 (£60,000) plus expenses. Celtic, who argued with the Brazilians over the payments, have reported the affair to Fifa, football's world governing body.

That, however, is a temporary affair compared to the lingering dispute in Inverness. The new team of Caledonian Thistle, formed by the merger of Caledonian and Inverness Thistle, has been admitted into the Scottish Football League and its place in the new third division was confirmed by the authorities on Thursday.

However, a rearguard action is being fought by disaffected members of both clubs in Inverness. So far, they have succeeded in preventing a merger of assets and Thistle's members will meet to vote on that issue once again on August 11. The principal assets in question are the pieces of land on which each club's present ground sits. The sale of these is essential if funds are to be raised for the construction of a new stadium on another site. The whole scheme remains in jeopardy as long as there is deadlock among the conflicting groups.

□ Frank Rijkaard has played his last game for Holland and plans to retire from football at the end of the season, according to the Dutch news agency, ANP. Rijkaard, 31, who made 74 appearances for Holland, said there was no point him remaining in the national side because he would not be available for the whole of Holland's European championship qualification campaign.



Burns: unsuccessful in transfer market

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Redcar

Going: good (good to firm in back straight)

2.40 (6f) 1, FLAMBORO (N Connorton, 14-1); 2, Durgams First (K Darley, 6-1); 3, Jhan Jeon (M Birch, 40-1). ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Kingdom, 4 Leap Year Baby, Sly Dancer (4th), 6 Benten, 10 West Farm Boy, 14 My First Paige (5th), 16 Lass Of Kinloch (6th), 20 Absolute Millions, 33 Portend, 66 Hidden Gold. 13 ran. Nk, 1½l, 3l, 1¼l, sh hd. J Bethell at Middleham. Tote: £16.80; £3.60, £1.70, £12.90. DF: £88.80. CSF: £90.87.

3.10 (5f) 1, MISS MOVIE WORLD (J Marshall, 6-4 fav; The Times Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Primula Balm (N Connorton, 8-1); 3, Iradah (R Hills, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 6 Indian Crystal (5th), 8 Palo Blanco (6th), Petrina Bay, 10 Prabque, 12 Local Heroine (4th), 14 Beliene. 9 ran. ½l, 3½l, ¾l, 2½l, 1l. M Hammond at Middleham. Tote: £4.30; £1.50, £2.50, £1.80. DF: £18.50. Trio: £85.00. CSF: £19.81. Tricast: £70.08.

3.40 (5f) 1, NOOSA (M Roberts, 13-2); 2, Red Hot Risk (Dale Gibson, 14-1); 3, Nadwaty (J Fanning, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 5-4 fav Galora (6th), 9-2 Domybly (5th), 6 Futuristic Brent, 7 Oneineverycolour (4th), 12 Tannerrun. 8 ran. NR: Yah Dancer. Hd, 1½l, 1¾l, 5l, ½l. M Johnston at Middleham. Tote: £8.20; £1.70, £3.70, £5.30. DF: £70.40. Trio: £202.70. CSF: £74.82. Tricast: £1,361.58. Media Express (14-1) withdrawn under orders, but deemed to have started — rule 4 applies to all bets, deduction 5p in pound.

4.10 (1m 3f) 1, PENNY A DAY (K Darley, 11-2); 2, Roseberry Topping (L Dettori, 11-2); 3, Red Indian (Dale Gibson, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 5-1 fav Gold Desire, 6 Durham Drapes (4th), 7 Tread The Boards, 8 Walworth Lady, 12 Gemikosix, 14 Bardia (6th), Lam Fort, 25 The Premier Expres, 33 Tapatch (5th), 100 Rich Asset. 13 ran. Nk, 2½l, 1¼l, ¾l, ½l. Mrs M Reveley at Saltburn. Tote: £6.70; £2.60, £1.10, £2.70. DF: £7.00. Trio: £22.10. CSF: £34.81. Tricast: £226.20.

4.40 (1m 2f) 1, ROUND BY THE RIVER (Dale Gibson, 8-1); 2, High Low (C Nutter, 9-4 fav); 3, Awesome Power (L Dettori, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 100-30 Non Vintage (4th), 7-2 Gold Surprise, 7 North Ardar (6th), 20 Highfield Lad, 40 Le Temeraire (5th). 8 ran. Sh hd, 2½l, 2l, 8l, sh hd. W Haigh at Malton. Tote: £10.30; £2.30, £1.20, £2.50. DF: £18.70. CSF: £25.46.

5.10 (7f) 1, WINBURG (A McGlone, 7-1); 2, Songs Of Innocence (N Connorton, 11-2); 3, Knight Of Poland (L Dettori, 11-8 fav). ALSO RAN: 9-4 College Don (4th), 20 Taza (5th), 33 Gamzatti, Quiet Mission (6th). 7 ran. 3l, 1½l, 2½l, 2½l, 3l. J Gosden at Newmarket. Tote: £7.20; £2.50, £2.20. DF: £17.40. CSF: £39.41.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £14,320.55 carried forward to Newmarket today).

Placepot: £1,713.20. Quadpot: £103.60.

Southwell

Going: standard

2.20 (7f) 1, SAILORMAITE (S Webster, 8-1); 2, Johnnie The Joker (J Weaver, 7-2 fav); 3, Cledeschamps (C Teague, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Segala (4th), 8 Clarification (6th), 10 Akabusi, Lalindi, On Y Va, 12 Bernstein Bette, 14 Kintwyn (5th), The Ardingly Fair, 16 Pine Ridge Lad, Thornton Gate, 33 Give In, 50 Colmar. 15 ran. NR: Mohican Brave. 1¾l, 2½l, 2½l, sh hd, 2½l. S Bowring. Tote: £12.00; £2.80, £1.50, £6.40. DF: £15.10. Trio: £372.30 (pool of £215.01 carried forward to Newmarket 4.20 today). CSF: £34.97. Tricast: £639.20.

2.50 (7f) 1, CASPER'S RISK (Paul Eddery, 8-1); 2, Bella Francesca (S Maloney, 7-2 fav); 3, Borrowby (G Hind, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Princess In Blue (4th), 6 Magical Belle, Ohnonotagain (5th), 7 Rambo Two (6th), 9 Joyful Risk, 10 Dame Agnes, 12 Milltown Classic, 20 Denbydale, 33 Man of May, Resolute, Siberian Maid, Up The Iron. 15 ran. 6l, 1¼l, 5l, 2½l, nk. G Lewis at Epsom. Tote: £6.70; £3.50, £1.70, £4.20. DF: £33.30. CSF: £36.70. No bid.

3.20 (1m) 1, MISS SPRINGTIME (G Duffield, 5-4 fav); 2, Ruby Estate (J Weaver, 100-30); 3, Sharpening (D Harrison, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 15-2 Inderaputeri, 8 Nellie's Gamble (4th), 9 Leap of Faith (5th), 40 Toogoodforyou (6th). 7 ran. 1¾l, 8l, 6l, 1l, 1l. M Prescott at Newmarket. Tote: £2.60, £1.10, £2.70. DF: £2.80. CSF: £6.36.

3.50 (1m 3f) 1, NEW INN (D Harrison, 11-2); 2, Dormy Three (D R McCabe, 3-1 fav); 3, Kismetim (J Weaver, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Dancing Trathee (5th), 12 Pocket Rocket, 14 Sparky's Song, 20 Dugort Strand (4th), 25 Remainder Rose, 33 Sheecky, Tilly Owl (6th). 10 ran. 1¾l, 4l, 8l, ½l, 6l. E Weymes at Leyburn. Tote: £6.10; £1.90, £1.20, £1.90. DF: £11.30. CSF: £17.19.

4.20 (6f) 1, ELTON LEDGER (J Tate, 100-30); 2, Heathyards Gem (J Weaver, 5-1); 3, Legatee (R Cochrane, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Sakharov (4th), 7 Disco Boy (6th), 9 Gymcrak Tycoon, 12 Last Straw (5th), 20 Olympia, 33 Rub Al Khali, 40 Royal Deed, 50 Up The Mariners. 11 ran. 1½l, 1¼l, ½l, ¾l, 1½l. Mrs N Macauley at Melton Mowbray. Tote: £4.40; £1.50, £1.70, £2.30. DF: £9.10. Trio: £19.30. CSF: £19.82. Tricast: £114.69.

4.50 (1m 6f) 1, ATLANTIC WAY (J Quinn, 9-4 fav); 2, Swordking (Paul Eddery, 4-1); 3, Double Dancer (C Teague, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Preston Guild, 7 Child Star (6th), 11 Naawy, Side Bar (5th), 12 Diamond Inthe Dark, 14 Ravenspur, 20 Heathyards Crusade (4th), 25 Dalby Sky. 11 ran. 5l, 1½l, 2½l, 2½l, 6l. C Hill at Barnstaple. Tote: £3.00; £1.30, £1.30, £3.20. DF: £4.80. Trio: £106.60. CSF: £11.64. Tricast: £160.50.

Placepot: £48.10.

Quadpot: £8.10.

Plumpton

Going: firm (hard in places)

2.30 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Young At Heart (D Skyrme, 14-1); 2, Chantelys (13-2); 3, Sedimentary (11-4). Bird Island 2-1 fav. 8 ran. 20l, hd. M Haynes. Tote: £11.60; £3.00, £1.80, £2.00. DF: £28.20. CSF: £91.19.

3.00 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Kelly's Darling (A Maguire, 2-1 fav); 2, Witloski (8-1); 3, Manhattan Boy (9-4). 6 ran. 4l, 15l. J White. Tote: £2.20; £1.70, £1.70. DF: £7.60. CSF: £16.52.

3.30 (2m ch) 1, Sinding Edge (D O'Sullivan, 3-1); 2, Wayward Wind (2-1 fav); 3, Slippery Max (7-2). 5 ran. 5l, 25l. R O'Sullivan. Tote: £5.00; £1.60, £1.50. DF: £6.00. CSF: £9.01.

4.00 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Safety (A Maguire, 6-4); 2, Bonus Point (4-6 fav); 3, Do Be Ware (14-1). 3 ran. NR: Comstock. 8l, 25l. J White. Tote: £2.00. DF: £1.10. CSF: £2.69.

4.30 (2m ch) 1, Lake Dominion (D Skyrme, 8-11 fav); 2, Barton Royal (9-2); 3, Wallstreno (11-4). 4 ran. 20l, 25l. J White. Tote: £1.70. DF: £2.50. CSF: £4.03.

5.00 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Oh So Handy (D Morris, 5-4 fav); 2, Tel Friday (2-1); 3, Harlequin Girl (5-1). 5 ran. NR: Celtic Blaze. 1½l, 10l. R Curtis. Tote: £2.30; £1.60, £1.10. DF: £2.30. CSF: £4.04.

Placepot: £69.50. Quadpot: £4.30.

Closing date for entry nears

Declare a team to score quickly in the run chase

JOIN this summer's final run chase in *The Times* First Class XI game by entering the Fourth Innings. For the best judge of cricket talent is a superb prize: JVC Nicam television and video equipment worth more than £1,000, a Sky satellite dish and decoder with one year's free subscription and a bat signed by the England and South African Test players. And for three runners-up, there will be two 1995 county memberships of their choice.

Pick the XI you would like to see and every run your players make and every wicket they take in the last six weeks of the season will count towards your total. Enter as often as you like and use the First Class XI bat to record your selection. The closing date for the Fourth Innings is noon on Wednesday. *The Times* First Class XI game is produced in association with Canon UK Ltd and the Test and County Cricket Board in an exclusive arrangement.

How to play: Pick the team that you think will accumulate the most runs and wickets in the last six weeks of the first-class cricket season. We have listed the players, all registered with the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB), and placed them in the following categories: **batsmen; all-rounders; wicketkeepers** and **bowlers.**

There are also three secondary categories: **captains**, one from each county; **overseas players**, one from each county and **rising stars**, promising players as selected by *The Times*.

Your team of 11 must be made up as follows: **five batsmen; one all-rounder; one wicketkeeper; four bowlers.** No other combination will be accepted and players may only be selected as categorised by *The Times*. (For example, Graeme Hick may only be chosen as an all-rounder, not as a batsman). Each player has a number which must be used when selecting him for the game.

There are three further restrictions to your selection.

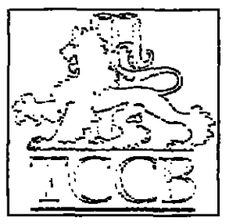
1) In your XI, you must pick *one — and no more than one* — from the list of **captains**. For example, if you pick Alec Stewart (captain of Surrey), he will count as captain and batsman. You may not pick another captain, even from another playing category.

2) You must also pick *one — and no more than one* — of the players listed in the **overseas player** category.

3) You must pick one — *and no more than one* — of the players in the **rising stars** category. Your rising star may be a batsman, all-rounder, wicketkeeper or bowler.

In addition to the 11 players picked for the team, you must select one reserve for each of the primary categories (batsmen, all-rounders, wicketkeeper, bowlers). No captains, overseas players or rising stars may be selected as reserves. These reserves will only become active in the event of a first-choice player being officially declared inactive (for reasons of injury) for the rest of the season by *The Times* First Class XI panel. In that case your reserve will be automatically activated and his score from that moment will be added to the injured player's total. Only one replacement will be allowed in each of the four primary categories. A player declared inactive cannot re-enter.

How to score: Scores will be measured by: **runs** (the aggregate runs scored by all 11 players); **wickets** (the wickets taken by all 11 players);



wicketkeeping dismissals (catches and stumpings made by your wicketkeeper).

Each run will count as one point, each wicket as 20 points, each wicketkeeper's dismissal as 20 points (the last two categories will be listed under the heading, wickets). The total of runs and wickets will represent the entrant's total team score. The object of the Fourth Innings of *The Times* First Class XI, is to select the 11 players who will accumulate the most points between August 11 and September 19.

In the event of a tie, competitors will be separated by counting the score of their reserves, the highest total winning. If that is insufficient, the score of the rising star will be decisive. If a further tie-break is necessary in the Fourth Innings competition, its form will be decided by *The Times* First Class XI panel.

All matches in the period deemed to be first-class by the TCCB (five, four or three days) will count, including Cornhill Insurance Test matches, Britannic Assurance county championship and Tetley Bitter Challenge (county v touring team matches). One-day matches will not count. At the end of each round of matches, *The Times* will publish the list of categorised names and their updated aggregate points.

How to enter: the Fourth Innings, entries for which must be received by noon on Wednesday August 10, is the last chance to play First Class XI cricket this season. The winner will be the entrant who has the highest points scores after the final matches on September 19 and their name will be published in *The Times* with the team names and scores for the leading 100 competitors.

You may enter as many times as you like but each entry requires a separate telephone call. Telephone callers must be aged 18 or over. Due to time restrictions, entries to the Fourth Innings cannot be acknowledged.

Entering: The 24-hour telephone lines are open now and close at noon on August 10. When you have selected your team, check what type of telephone you are using. You *must* have a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a * and a hash key are Touch-tone) to enter. You **cannot** enter using a rotary dial or "pulse" telephone. Once you have found a Touch-tone telephone, you can enter by dialling **0891 700525.** Postal entries cannot be accepted.

Then just follow the simple step-by-step instructions. Listen carefully and take your time. The recorded message will ask you to key in the full set of selections (player reference numbers) for each of your 11 chosen players in the following order: the five batsmen, the all-rounder, the wicketkeeper, the bowlers.

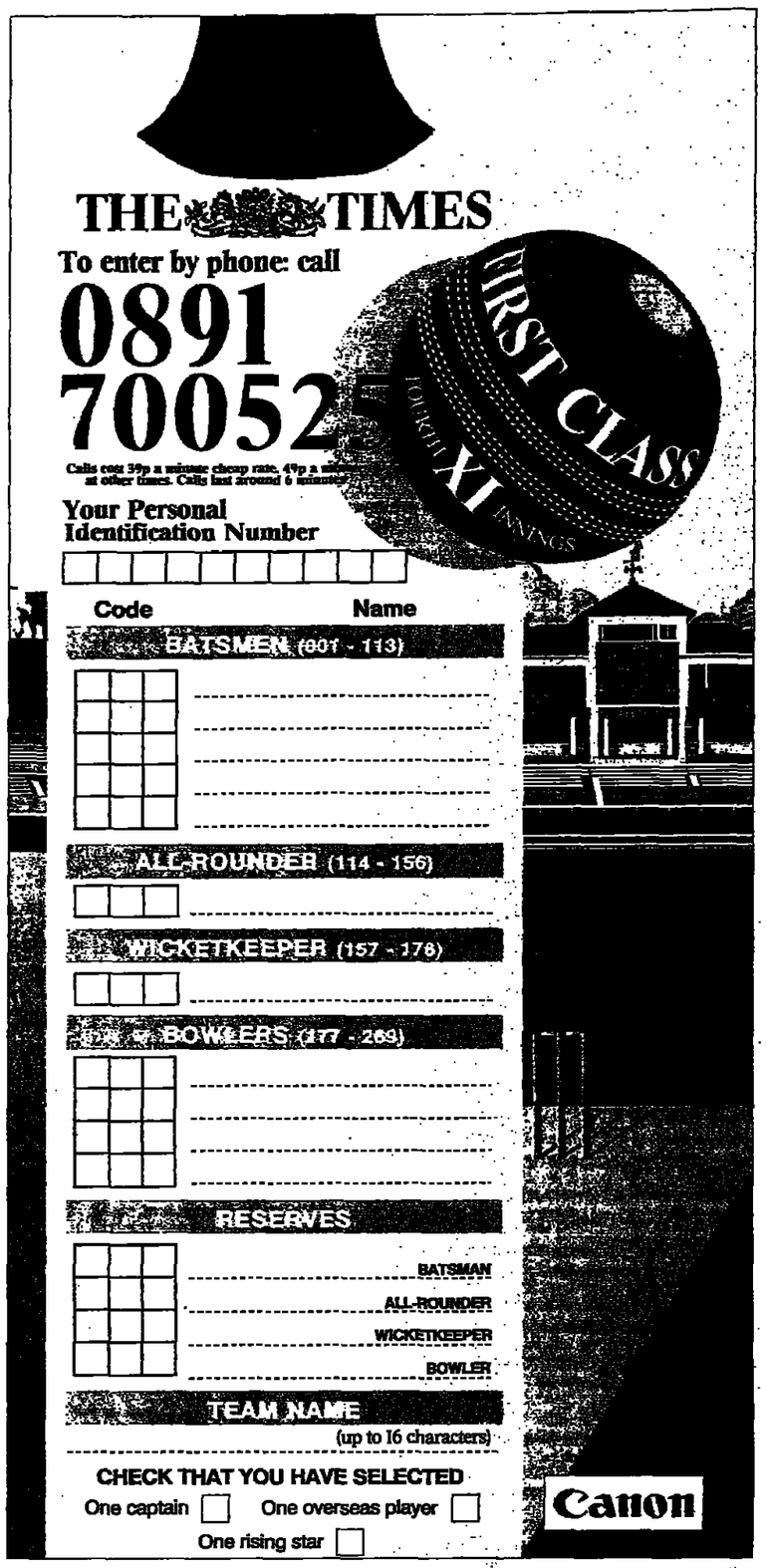
You will then be asked to name your reserves (in the same order). Make sure you have picked one captain, one overseas player and one rising star in your team. An incorrect entry will be void.

You will then be asked to give the name of your team (no more than 16 characters) and to record your name, address and daytime phone number. Finally, you will be given a ten-digit Personal Identification Number (PIN). Please be patient. You have plenty of time to make your entry. Use *The Times* First Class XI bat to record your selections and your PIN. Calls cost 39 per minute cheap rate, 49 per minute at other times. Each call will last about six minutes.

Team names: Competitors may give their teams any name of up to 16 characters although if a name is considered to be in poor taste by the panel, or if that name has already been taken, the competitor's surname will be used.

***The Times* First Class XI panel:** Raymond Illingworth, the chairman of selectors, Michael Atherton, the England captain, and Alan Lee, the cricket correspondent of *The Times*, form the panel which has final authority on any issues arising.

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Don't risk run to Balinese at extra cover



SIMON BARNES

On Saturday

The notion of Real Village Cricket — as opposed to any form of sport that has a final at Lord's — continues to intrigue this column. One of the constant issues of this perfected form of the game is the heady question of The Ringer, the player used to a higher standard of the game, who goes slumming and glory-hunting on the village green to the delight of the team that has talked him into playing. What cricketer has not known the terror of the whisper: "He used to play for Berkshire Twos."

On the island of Tresco, in the Scillies, Real Village Cricket is prospering, on the grounds that any other form of the game is impossible. Hard on the heels of the story earlier this season of the cricketer whose pre-match preparation was affected by a bicycle crash on the way home from the pub, the *Tresco Times* reports the tale of the Tresco Ringer: an overseas player, no less, and not from Cornwall, either. This is a player called Cakra, and he comes from Bali. He played his first game after ten minutes of instruction on cricket: "Throw the ball at the wicketkeeper and catch it first if you can." After an hour at extra cover, he had two catches and a run-out, and the wicketkeeper was wringing his hands.

Cakra's sporting youth was spent playing table tennis and chucking stones at tree rats. He has had a spell of bowling, too, but the tree-rat technique — a baseball pitched just short of a length — is considered illegal even in the Scillies. He has not yet batted; the island is agog for the great moment.

Torquay terror

Meanwhile, Torquay, a good way further east, have just signed up one of the great ringers of cricket history. Torquay, of the Bowring Insurance Premier League, have taken on the former England quick bowler, David "Syd" Lawrence, he who shattered a kneecap in New Zealand a couple of winters back. He was unleashed against Seaton, a team against which Torquay have been storing a grudge since the time, two years ago, when Andre van Troost, now with Somerset, bounced them out. Lawrence began with, yes, a bouncer and peppered batsmen throughout the Seaton innings. Seaton appealed to the umpires, who said there was nothing out of order and Torquay won by 135 runs. Nice to hear that Syd is still causing a spot of mayhem.



Right spirit

Meanwhile, I hear from an outpost of Real Village Cricket in London — London, Ontario, that is — that the town has two cricketing organisations, London Cricket Club, which plays twice a weekend, and The Poacher's Arms Irregulars, who play four or five times a season. The side has borrowed the last part of its name from mighty Tewin Irregulars, so there's glory for you. "Quite without knowing it," writes Geoffrey Corfield, "The Poacher's Arms Irregulars were strictly adhering to the Laws of Village Cricket even before we read about them in your column." They batted 13 in their last match, 12 in the previous match, and naturally fielded every one. "Perhaps the most dominant feature of our team is that we not only begin the match in the pub, we finish the match in the pub, and play the match as if still in the pub."

***Scoreboard message of the week:** As Michael Atherton played his innings on Thursday, the electronic scoreboard relayed the message "Hanging fixture list available from club office." A bit strong, even for Headingley.*

Join the losers

Thoughts last week on drawing up Fifa rules for Real Playground Footy prompt an addition from Ian Weston, who says that games must have no ref, democratic decisions, no fixed positions for players, goalie by rotation, and continuous play. His crucial amendment, however, is that additional players are always welcome — but they must join the losing side.

I begin to wonder about Kentish lads. A chap called David Irving started a football team called Starlight Girls, under-11s to a person, and issued a challenge to all the young lads round about. So far, only one team has been brave enough to accept, this being mighty Sniodland Nomads.

Heated inquest

Terrible rows surround Moroccan football after the team's winless return from the World Cup. Hocini Zemmouri, president of the Moroccan FA, is blaming everyone in sight, especially the manager, Adbellah Blinda. He said the players cared for nothing but money, and told a press conference that the entire team plus the manager had been arrested by Canadian police for attacking a Canadian of Moroccan extraction. The journos said his diagnosis was vulgar and arrogant. Zemmouri's response was to call the press "people of an inferior level", at which his audience walked out, in the sincere belief that Zemmouri has got things upside down.

In response to Jürgen Klinsmann's opening question to the press after signing for Tottenham, I would like to point out that BSAC and PADI diving courses are available on 081 876 5132.

FOURTH INNINGS PLAYERS IN THE TIMES FIRST CLASS XI GAME

Batsmen

Pick five players and a reserve from this category

001 ..... * C J Adams (Derbyshire)
002 ..... J C Adams (Nottinghamshire)
003 ..... G F Archer (Nottinghamshire)
004 ..... Asif Din (Warwickshire)
005 ..... M A Atherton (Lancashire)
006 ..... C W J Athey (Sussex)
007 ..... M Azharuddin (Derbyshire)
008 ..... R J Bailey (Northamptonshire)
009 ..... K J BARNETT (Derbyshire)
010 ..... M R BENSON (Kent)
011 ..... D J Bicknell (Surrey)
012 ..... T J Boon (Leicestershire)
013 ..... P D Bowler (Derbyshire)
014 ..... N E BRIERS (Leicestershire)
015 ..... B C Broad (Gloucestershire)
016 ..... A D Brown (Surrey)
017 ..... *D Byas (Yorkshire)*
018 ..... J D C Carr (Middlesex)
019 ..... P A Cottey (Glamorgan)
020 ..... G R Cowdrey (Kent)
021 ..... R M F Cox (Hampshire)
022 ..... J P Crawley (Lancashire)
023 ..... M A Crawley (Nottinghamshire)
024 ..... T S CURTIS (Worcestershire)
025 ..... * J A Daley (Durham)
026 ..... * W A Dessaur (Nottinghamshire)
027 ..... D B D'Oliveira (Worcestershire)
028 ..... N H Fairbrother (Lancashire)
029 ..... N A Felton (Northamptonshire)
030 ..... N A Folland (Somerset)
031 ..... A Fordham (Northamptonshire)
032 ..... G Fowler (Durham)
033 ..... * J E R Gallian (Lancashire)
034 ..... M W GATTING (Middlesex)
035 ..... G A GOOCH (Essex)
036 ..... P Grayson (Yorkshire)
037 ..... K Greenfield (Sussex)
038 ..... J W Hall (Sussex)
039 ..... T H C Hancock (Gloucestershire)
040 ..... R J Harden (Somerset)
041 ..... A N HAYHURST (Somerset)
042 ..... * D L Hemp (Glamorgan)
043 ..... S G Hinks (Gloucestershire)
044 ..... G D Hodgson (Gloucestershire)
045 ..... * A J Hollioake (Surrey)
046 ..... N Hussain (Essex)
047 ..... * S Hutton (Durham)
048 ..... R C Irani (Essex)
049 ..... S P James (Glamorgan)
050 ..... P Johnson (Nottinghamshire)
051 ..... M Keech (Hampshire)
052 ..... S A Kellett (Yorkshire)
053 ..... N V Knight (Essex)
054 ..... A J LAMB (Northamptonshire)
302 ..... B C Lara (Warwickshire)
055 ..... *M N Lathwell (Somerset)*
056 ..... W Larkins (Durham)
057 ..... D A Leatherdale (Worcestershire)
058 ..... N J Lenham (Sussex)
059 ..... J J B Lewis (Essex)
060 ..... * N J Llong (Kent)
061 ..... G D Lloyd (Lancashire)
062 ..... J I Longley (Durham)
063 ..... M B Loye (Northamptonshire)
064 ..... M A Lynch (Surrey)
065 ..... M P Maynard (Glamorgan)
066 ..... A A Metcalfe (Yorkshire)
067 ..... T C Middleton (Hampshire)
068 ..... A J Moles (Warwickshire)
069 ..... T M Moody (Worcestershire)
070 ..... H MORRIS (Glamorgan)
071 ..... J E Morris (Durham)
072 ..... R S M Morris (Hampshire)
073 ..... M D MOXON (Yorkshire)
074 ..... M C J NICHOLAS (Hampshire)
075 ..... T J G O'Gorman (Derbyshire)
076 ..... D P Ostler (Warwickshire)
077 ..... * T L Penney (Warwickshire)
078 ..... P R Pollard (Nottinghamshire)
079 ..... P J Prichard (Essex)
080 ..... M R Ramprakash (Middlesex)
081 ..... *J D Ratcliffe (Warwickshire)*
082 ..... R B Richardson (Yorkshire)
083 ..... * D D J Robinson (Essex)
084 ..... P E Robinson (Leicestershire)
085 ..... R T ROBINSON (Nottinghamshire)
086 ..... A S Rollins (Derbyshire)
087 ..... *M A Roseberry (Middlesex)*
303 ..... * M Saxelby (Durham)
088 ..... A C H Seymour (Worcestershire)
089 ..... N Shahid (Essex)
090 ..... * B F Smith (Leicestershire)
091 ..... I Smith (Durham)
092 ..... R A Smith (Hampshire)
093 ..... N J Speak (Lancashire)
094 ..... A W Smith (Surrey)
095 ..... D M Smith (Sussex)
096 ..... M P Speight (Sussex)
097 ..... A J STEWART (Surrey)
098 ..... N R Taylor (Kent)
099 ..... V P Terry (Hampshire)
100 ..... G P Thorpe (Surrey)
101 ..... S P Titchard (Lancashire)
102 ..... * M E Trescothick (Somerset)
103 ..... R G Twose (Warwickshire)
104 ..... * M P Vaughan (Yorkshire)
105 ..... D M Ward (Surrey)
106 ..... T R Ward (Kent)
107 ..... R J Warren (Northamptonshire)
108 ..... A P WELLS (Sussex)
109 ..... C M Wells (Derbyshire)
110 ..... * W P C Weston (Worcestershire)
111 ..... J J Whitaker (Leicestershire)
112 ..... * M G N Windows (Gloucestershire)
113 ..... A J Wright (Gloucestershire)

All-rounders

Pick one player and a reserve from this category

114 ..... M W Alleyne (Gloucestershire)
115 ..... I D Austin (Lancashire)
116 ..... P BAINBRIDGE (Durham)
117 ..... D J Capel (Northamptonshire)
118 ..... * G Chapple (Lancashire)
305 ..... V P Clarke (Somerset)
119 ..... D G Cork (Derbyshire)
120 ..... R D B Croft (Glamorgan)
121 ..... A C Cummins (Durham)
122 ..... K M Curran (Northamptonshire)
123 ..... A Dale (Glamorgan)
124 ..... P A J DeFreitas (Derbyshire)
125 ..... J E Emburey (Middlesex)
126 ..... K P Evans (Nottinghamshire)
127 ..... M A Feltham (Middlesex)
128 ..... M V Fleming (Kent)
129 ..... P J Hartley (Yorkshire)
130 ..... * G R Haynes (Worcestershire)
131 ..... G A Hick (Worcestershire)
132 ..... *C L Hooper (Kent)*
133 ..... R K Illingworth (Worcestershire)
134 ..... K D James (Hampshire)
135 ..... S R Lampitt (Worcestershire)
136 ..... R P Lefebvre (Glamorgan)
137 ..... *C C Lewis (Nottinghamshire)*
138 ..... G W Mike (Nottinghamshire)
140 ..... P J Newport (Worcestershire)
141 ..... C Penn (Kent)
143 ..... D A REEVE (Warwickshire)
144 ..... G D Rose (Somerset)
145 ..... P V Simmons (Leicestershire)
146 ..... N M K Smith (Warwickshire)
147 ..... P A Smith (Warwickshire)
148 ..... * J N Snape (Northamptonshire)
149 ..... F D Stephenson (Sussex)
150 ..... J P Stephenson (Essex)
151 ..... C M Tolley (Worcestershire)
153 ..... M WATKINSON (Lancashire)
154 ..... V J Wells (Leicestershire)
155 ..... * P N Weekes (Middlesex)
156 ..... C White (Yorkshire)

Wicketkeepers

Pick one player and a reserve from this category

157 ..... A N Aymes (Hampshire)
158 ..... R J Blakey (Yorkshire)
159 ..... K R Brown (Middlesex)
160 ..... N D Burns (Somerset)
309 ..... T Edwards (Worcestershire)
161 ..... B N French (Nottinghamshire)
162 ..... M A Garnham (Essex)
163 ..... W K Hegg (Lancashire)
164 ..... G J Kersey (Surrey)
165 ..... K M Krikken (Derbyshire)
166 ..... S A Marsh (Kent)
167 ..... C P Metson (Glamorgan)
168 ..... P Moores (Sussex)
169 ..... P A Nixon (Leicestershire)
304 ..... W M Noon (Nottinghamshire)
170 ..... K J Piper (Warwickshire)
171 ..... S J Rhodes (Worcestershire)
172 ..... D Ripley (Northamptonshire)
173 ..... * R J Rollins (Essex)
174 ..... R C Russell (Gloucestershire)
310 ..... N F Sargeant (Surrey)
175 ..... C W Scott (Durham)
176 ..... R J Turner (Somerset)

Bowlers

Pick four players and a reserve from this category

177 ..... J A Afford (Nottinghamshire)
178 ..... C E L Ambrose (Northamptonshire)
179 ..... S J W Andrew (Essex)
180 ..... A M Babington (Gloucestershire)
181 ..... M C J Ball (Gloucestershire)
182 ..... *A A Barnett (Lancashire)*
183 ..... S R Barwick (Glamorgan)
306 ..... S J Base (Derbyshire)
184 ..... S Bastien (Glamorgan)
185 ..... * J D Batty (Yorkshire)
186 ..... *J E Benjamin (Surrey)*
187 ..... W K M Benjamin (Hampshire)
188 ..... P J Berry (Durham)
189 ..... M P Bicknell (Surrey)
191 ..... J Boiling (Surrey)
307 ..... * M E Brinkley (Worcestershire)
192 ..... *M Broadhurst (Yorkshire)*
193 ..... S J E Brown (Durham)
194 ..... M A Butcher (Surrey)
195 ..... A R Caddick (Somerset)
196 ..... J H Childs (Essex)
197 ..... C A Connor (Hampshire)
198 ..... N G B Cook (Northamptonshire)
199 ..... K E Cooper (Gloucestershire)
200 ..... A C Cottam (Northamptonshire)
201 ..... N G Cowans (Hampshire)
308 ..... C E Cuffy (Surrey)
202 ..... R P Davis (Warwickshire)
311 ..... B T P Donelan (Somerset)
203 ..... M A Ealham (Kent)
204 ..... R M Ellison (Kent)
205 ..... M G Field-Buss (Nottinghamshire)
206 ..... * D P J Flint (Hampshire)
207 ..... M J Foster (Yorkshire)
208 ..... A R C Fraser (Middlesex)
209 ..... O D Gibson (Glamorgan)
210 ..... * E S H Giddins (Sussex)
211 ..... D Gough (Yorkshire)
212 ..... D A Graveney (Durham)
213 ..... F A Griffith (Derbyshire)
214 ..... D W Headley (Kent)
215 ..... E E Hemmings (Sussex)
216 ..... A P Igglesden (Kent)
217 ..... M C Ilott (Essex)
218 ..... P W Jarvis (Sussex)
219 ..... M Jean-Jacques (Hampshire)
220 ..... * R L Johnson (Middlesex)
221 ..... M S Kasprowicz (Essex)
222 ..... N M Kendrick (Surrey)
223 ..... * D R Law (Sussex)
225 ..... *M J McCague (Kent)*
226 ..... D E Malcolm (Derbyshire)
227 ..... N A Mallender (Somerset)
228 ..... P J Martin (Lancashire)
229 ..... R J Maru (Hampshire)
230 ..... D J Millns (Leicestershire)
231 ..... *O H Mortensen (Derbyshire)*
232 ..... A D Mullally (Leicestershire)
233 ..... T A Munton (Warwickshire)
234 ..... A J Murphy (Surrey)
235 ..... J A North (Sussex)
236 ..... G J Parsons (Leicestershire)
237 ..... M M Patel (Kent)
238 ..... R M Pearson (Essex)
239 ..... A L Penberthy (Northamptonshire)
240 ..... * D B Pennett (Nottinghamshire)
241 ..... R A Pick (Nottinghamshire)
242 ..... *A C S Pigott (Surrey)*
243 ..... * A R K Pierson (Leicestershire)
244 ..... N V Radford (Worcestershire)
245 ..... A R Roberts (Northamptonshire)
246 ..... M A Robinson (Yorkshire)
247 ..... I D K Salisbury (Sussex)
248 ..... K J Shine (Middlesex)
312 ..... C E W Silverwood (Yorkshire)
249 ..... R W Sladdin (Derbyshire)
250 ..... G C Small (Warwickshire)
251 ..... D J Spencer (Kent)
252 ..... R D Stemp (Yorkshire)
253 ..... P M Such (Essex)
254 ..... J P Taylor (Northamptonshire)
255 ..... * S D Thomas (Glamorgan)
256 ..... M J Thursfield (Hampshire)
257 ..... T D Topley (Essex)
258 ..... H R J Trump (Somerset)
259 ..... P C R Tufnell (Middlesex)
260 ..... S D Udal (Hampshire)
261 ..... M J Vandrau (Derbyshire)
262 ..... A P van Troost (Somerset)
263 ..... *C A WALSH (Gloucestershire)*
265 ..... A E Warner (Derbyshire)
266 ..... S L Watkin (Glamorgan)
267 ..... N F Williams (Middlesex)
268 ..... J Wood (Durham)
269 ..... G Yates (Lancashire)

CAPITALS denote captains Bold type overseas players * rising star

PICK ONE FROM EACH OF THESE CATEGORIES

Captains

116: P Bainbridge (all-rounder)
008: K J Barnett (batsman)
009: *M R Benson (batsman)*
013: N E Briers (batsman)
023: T S Curtis (batsman)
033: M W Gatting (batsman)
034: G A Gooch (batsman)
040: A N Hayhurst (batsman)
054: A J Lamb (batsman)
070: H Morris (batsman)
073: M D Moxon (batsman)
074: M C J Nicholas (batsman)
143: D A Reeve (all-rounder)
085: R T *Robinson (batsman)*
097: A J Stewart (batsman)
283: C A Walsh (bowler, o'seas player)
153: M Watkinson (all-rounder)
108: A P Wells (batsman)

Overseas players

002: J C Adams (batsman)
178: C E L Ambrose (bowler)
301: M Azharuddin (batsman)
187: W K M Benjamin (bowler)
308: C E Cuffy (bowler)
121: A C Cummins (all-rounder)
209: O D Gibson (bowler)
041: D L Haynes (batsman)
132: C L Hooper (all-rounder)
221: M S Kasprowicz (bowler)
302: B C *Lara (batsman)*
069: T M Moody (batsman)
082: R B Richardson (batsman)
145: P V Simmons (all-rounder)
149: F D Stephenson (all-rounder)
283: C A Walsh (bowler, captain)

Rising stars

001: C J Adams (batsman)
185: J D Batty (bowler)

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TODAY

CRICKET

Second Cornhill Test match
11.0, third day of five
HEADINGLEY: England v South Africa

Britannic Assurance county championship
11.0, third day of four, 110 overs minimum
CHESTERFIELD: Derbyshire v Gloucestershire
CHELMSFORD: Essex v Lancashire
CANTERBURY: Kent v Hampshire
LORD'S: *Middlesex v Glamorgan*
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Sussex
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Leicestershire
TAUNTON: Somerset v Durham
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Warwickshire

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Bristol (one day). England Under-19 v India Under-19.

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Open tournament (Bournemouth)

FOOTBALL: Makita Tournament (at Highbury): Arsenal v Atletico Madrid (2.35); Chelsea v Napoli (4.35) Rangers International Tournament (at Ibrox): Third place play-off (4.0). Final (6.15). Pre-season matches (3.0): Aberdeen v Blackburn; Bradford v Sheffield United; Bristol Rovers v QPR; Cardiff v West Bromwich Albion; Derby v Chesterfield, Doncaster v Barnsley; Dundee United v Stoke; Falkirk v Burnley; Fulham v Crystal Palace; Gillingham v Charlton; Hamilton v Wigan; Middlesbrough v Hearts; Notts County v Birmingham (at Walsall); Oxford United v Wimbledon; Port Vale v Leeds; Portsmouth v West Ham; Reading v Real Sociedad; Rochdale v Oldham; Scunthorpe v Leicester; St Johnstone v Bolton. (7.0); Swansea v Swindon; Wolverhampton v Coventry; Watford v Tottenham.

GOLF: *Forte PGA Seniors tournament* (at Sunningdale). Scottish Women's Open (Dalmahoy).

TOMORROW

CRICKET

Second Cornhill Test match
11.0, fourth day of five
HEADINGLEY: England v South Africa

AXA Equity & Law League
2.0, 40 overs
CHESTERFIELD: Derbyshire v Gloucestershire
CHELMSFORD: Essex v Lancashire
CANTERBURY: Kent v Hampshire
LORD'S: *Middlesex v Glamorgan*
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Sussex
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v Leicestershire
TAUNTON: Somerset v Durham
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Worcestershire

MINOR COUNTIES CHYAMPIONSHIP (first day of two): Reading: Berkshire v Herefordshire. St Austell: Cornwall v Devon. Boston: Lincoln v Staffordshire. Aston Rowant: Oxfordshire v Wales. Marlborough: Wiltshire v Dorset.

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Ballesteros predicts strong showing

FROM MEL WEBB IN MUNICH

THE heat of confrontation with officialdom had almost left Severiano Ballesteros by yesterday morning to be replaced by the rekindling of his enormous competitive fires. The Spaniard finished the day in joint third place in the BMW International at St Eurach after a performance that was at once as perfect and as flawed as only a Ballesteros round of golf can be.

Ballesteros, who had tangled with John Paramor, the chief referee of the PGA European tour, over his pace of play in the first round, still had a small glint of battle in his eyes over the affair.

"I still think they ought to listen to the players in these situations," he said. "But I don't have the Tour's ears now. I have the feeling they don't need me any more." Palpably untrue, but there was no doubting his sincerity.

At last urged to talk about his golf, he was very obviously pleased with his 68. "I have good feelings about this tournament," he said. The last time he said that was in Cornwall in May, when he backed up his words with victory in the Benson and Hedges International. The portents, it would seem, are good for the weekend.

The lead at the halfway point was shared by Bernhard Langer and Darren Clarke, who finished on 136, eight under par. Ballesteros and Andrew Collison were a shot behind, one in front of Jeremy Robinson, Domingo Hospital, who had a hole in one at the 7th, and Phillip Price.

Ballesteros had an eagle, three birdies and a solitary bogey in the round in which his legendary short game deserted him at times. He hit the ball long and straight off the tee, but too often failed to put the ball close enough with his short irons to give himself legitimate birdie chances. "I am having problems from about 125 yards," he admitted. "I am not getting close to the flag often enough at the moment."

He produced a show-stopper almost before the overture had ended. He hit an arrow-straight three-wood followed by a five-iron to 18 feet at the par five 1st and rolled the putt in.

He also birdied the 3rd with a seven-iron to six feet, but dropped a shot at the 4th when he fell short with his nine-iron second shot and missed the par putt from four feet.

Having made mincemeat of the first par five, he cut the second, the 5th into small pieces as well.

He hit a two-iron to 25 feet and the putt for an eagle lipped out to make the birdie no more than a formality. What proved to be his final birdie came on the 9th, where he holed a tricky, curly putt from 12 feet.

He then proceeded to par the last nine holes and could yet rue missed chances that included lipping out from five feet and 20 feet at the last two holes. "It was a pity," he said succinctly. "But I am still in with a good chance." He could say that again.

Clarke had seven birdies and four bogeys in his 69, but Ballesteros's biggest threat this weekend could come from the slight figure of Langer, who is attempting to win the only title to elude him in his native land.

He had six birdies in his 68 and his only errors came when he found greenside sand on the 6th and 11th to drop shots. Langer has twice come close to winning this tournament — he was beaten by Paul Azinger in a play-off three years ago and was third last year.

Along with several of their fellow players, Langer and Ballesteros will fly out of here in a private jet bound for Tulsa and the US PGA Championship tomorrow night.

The way they have played thus far this week, the abiding feeling is that one of them will leave Germany with a cheque for £87,500 tucked into his hip pocket.



Langer is swinging well enough to win the only German tournament which has eluded him. Photograph: Ian Stewart

LEADING SCORES (GB and Ire unless stated): 136: B Langer (Ger) 68, 68; D Clarke 67, 69. 137: S Ballesteros (Sp) 69, 68; A Collison 71, 66. 138: J Robinson 67, 71; D Hospital (Sp) 68, 70; P Price 68, 70. 139: P Mitchell 73, 66; G Ralph 73, 66; A Oldcorn 71, 68; A Murray 66, 73; M Roe 68, 71; H Clark 69, 70. 140: R McFarlane 72, 68; M Ferry (Fr) 68, 72; T Level (Fr) 67, 73, S McAllister 70, 70; N Feath (Swe) 67, 73; P Teravainen (US) 70, 70; S Bottomley 71, 69. 141: M Gronberg (Swe) 67, 74; M McNulty (Zim) 70, 71; S Tinning (Den) 70, 71; P O'Malley (Aus) 69, 72; X Bossert (Switz) 74, 67; D Cooper 72, 69; J Hawkes (SA) 71, 70; M Tunnicliff 72, 69. 142: P Golding 71, 71; M Besancenay (Fr) 72, 70; M Nichols 72, 70; P Mayo 72, 70; K Eriksson (Swe) 70, 72; S Hamill 73, 69; R Claydon 70, 72; M McLean 73, 69; R Goosen (SA) 75, 67.

Davies revels in spotlight

BY PATRICIA DAVIES

THERE is nobody quite like Laura Davies. She plays a game with which most golfers are unfamiliar and that is why people flock to watch her. She rarely disappoints. At Dalmahoy yesterday, in the second round of the New Skoda women's Scottish Open, she went out in 31, five under par, with an eagle three at the 9th that was worth a day's march to see.

In fact, a bit of yomping is often a by-product of a round with Davies, even the present, consistently awesome, world No 1 model. At the 9th, a par five of 471 yards, she launched her driver down the right of the fairway, the swirling wind took it further right and the crowd tramped off on a detour. It was worth it.

There was a small forest between Davies and the green, 225 yards away, but the ball was lying well in the short rough and it all presented few problems for the woman who has won five times already this year. "I cut a three-iron just over the top of the trees and round the corner," she said matter-of-factly, "and it came out really well." Pin-high, 20 feet away, certainly counted as "really well" and Davies rolled home the eagle putt. It was her fifth three in six holes.

She moved to nine under par with a birdie four at the 10th, where she took two putts from 12ft after hitting only a seven-iron in — the hole was playing downwind — and had thoughts of a 64. Instead, she dropped shots at the 11th, 12th and 18th to finish with a 69 and a share of the lead on 138, six under par, with Karina Orum, the European tour's lone Dane.

Orum, who said her driving was "shaky", had few difficulties on the greens. She needed only 28 putts for the second day in succession, although three of them were at the 16th, a treacherous par four, where she had driven into a bunker and wound up with a double-bogey six.

Dale Reid, the Scottish veteran, whose one thought this season has been to make the Solheim Cup team again, dropped two shots in the last three holes but was just one behind the leaders, alongside Penny Grice-Whittaker and Jane Geddes, both former British champions.

LEADING TWO-ROUND SCORES (GB and Ire unless stated): 138: K Orum (Den) 68, 70; L Davies 69, 69. 139: P Grice-Whittaker 70, 69; J Geddes (US) 71, 68; D Reid 69, 70. 140: F Dassu (It) 70, 70; C Dibnah (Aus) 71, 69; L Neumann (Swe) 68, 72; C Hjalmarsson (Swe) 69, 71; K Lunn (Aus) 68, 72; E Knuth (Sp) 67, 73. 141: S Robinson 72, 69. 142: L Navarro (Sp) 73, 69; S Gautrey (Aus) 71, 71. 143: H Alfredsson (Swe) 70, 73. 144: J Mills (Aus) 72, 72; W Doolan (Aus) 69, 75; V Michaud (Fr) 74, 70; L Hackney 70, 74; A Nicholas 72, 72, K Marshall 71, 73.

Boardman speeds to new best time

CHRIS Boardman, riding in his first event since the Tour de France last month, recorded the fastest ten-mile time-trial in Britain in 17min 54sec, an average speed slightly in excess of 33mph. He chose a modest event, limited to local clubs, on a little-used course near Rossett, in north Wales, to assess his preparation for the world track and road championships, which start in Sicily on August 15.

Boardman, a professional with the French Gan team, beat Graeme Obree, the world champion's 1993 British competition record of 18min 27sec, but cannot claim a new record because of the event's restricted entry. Like Obree, he will compete in the world 4,000 metres track pursuit at Palermo and the 43-kilometre road time-trial at Catane.

"I spent two weeks training in France, before returning home two days' ago," Boardman said yesterday. "The trial was a good gauge to my form. Before I won the Barcelona Olympic pursuit, I clocked 19min 19sec on this course."

Egyptians dominate

SQUASH: Egypt's takeover of the Hi-Tec world junior men's championship in Christchurch is complete even before the final is played (Colin McQuillan writes). Omer el Borollossy defeated Iain Higgins, of England, 9-7, 9-2, 9-5 in 43 minutes in one semi-final and Ahmed Barada took just 24 minutes to dismiss Thierry Lincou, of France, 9-2, 9-0, 9-2 from the other. It is the first time any Egyptian has contested the world junior final and only the third time one nation has filled both final places. In 1990 Simon Parke defeated David Campion in an all-English final and in 1980 Peter Nance took Australian honours over Chris Dittmar.

☐ Cyprus, which has never staged a tournament on the world squash circuit, is the surprise choice to host next year's men's world open championship.

Mullin ready to return

RUGBY UNION: Brendan Mullin, Ireland's leading try-scorer, yesterday confirmed his availability to return to international rugby (David Hands writes). Mullin, capped 45 times before his abrupt retirement in March 1992, has continued to play club rugby for Blackrock College, whom he captained last season, and now resumes the quest for a place in Ireland's midfield in the run-up to the 1995 World Cup. Ireland have not satisfactorily resolved their midfield combination since Mullin's departure. A preliminary World Cup squad is due to be announced this weekend.

Lift for Pickering

SWIMMING: Karen Pickering has landed a £45,000 sponsorship package from Nuclear Electric that will help her progress to the Olympic Games in Atlanta in 1996 and beyond (Craig Lord writes). The three-year deal, announced on the eve of Pickering's departure to Canada for the Commonwealth Games, is the largest single sponsorship received by a British woman swimmer. Pickering, 22, of Ipswich, became Britain's first female world swimming champion last December, when she won the short-course 200 metres freestyle title.

Francis shows finesse

BOWLS: While three of England's Commonwealth Games team — Catherine Anton, Brenda Atherton and Jean Baker — paraded their skills in the Double Century Sherry English women's championships yesterday, it was the form of two young pretenders that caught the imagination at Royal Leamington Spa (David Rhys Jones writes). Lisa Francis, 21, and Katherine Hawes, 24, produced a quarter-final match worthy of a final, Francis, from Welford on Avon, winning a duel full of finesse 21-19.

Whitaker awaits blood test result

FROM JENNY MACARTHUR IN THE HAGUE

MICHAEL Whitaker's horse, Everest Midnight Madness, was being blood-tested yesterday to see whether he has any disorder after his disappointing performance in the team competition on Friday for the world show jumping championships, where Britain finished a disappointing sixth.

Although Whitaker, who was tenth, was the best of the British — and the only one to qualify for the individual contest today — he was far from happy with the performance of Sir Phillip Harris's 11-year-old Dutch-bred gelding. "He didn't feel right," Whitaker said. "He wasn't his usual self."

Ronnie Massarella, the team manager, shared Whitaker's view. "I've never seen him go like that before — he was gasping before he even went into the ring. It may have been the heat — but we want to blood-test him to make sure everything's all right."

Providing nothing is amiss Whitaker, who won the individual bronze medal with Midnight Madness at the European championships last year, intends to compete today in the two-round grand prix, the qualifying round for tomorrow's four-horse final.

Although Britain has had a rider in this final at every championship since 1982 Whitaker will need two faultless rounds — and a measure of luck — if he is to uphold the tradition.

The three German riders, Franke Sloothaak, Ludger Beerbaum and Soren von Ronne — lying first, second and fourth — made only two mistakes between them in six rounds on Thursday. Nelson Pessoa, of Brazil, in third place, will be equally hard to dislodge with the consistent Chouman.

The other three British riders will be watching from the stands tomorrow. "We desperately need some younger horses," Massarella said yesterday.

Crackerjack rules rerun

BY BARRY PICKTHALL

JUSTICE ruled at Cowes when Keith Miller's Swan 46, *Crackerjack*, won the Britannia Cup race sailed again yesterday after the missing mark fiasco on Tuesday led to the original event being declared void.

Crackerjack led the provisional standings when the yachts returned from a fruitless search for the Dean Tail buoy which, embarrassingly, had been removed from its position off Bembridge two years before.

Yesterday, the Solent was awash with spinnakers as the 750 boats appeared to sail as one back towards Cowes after a slow beat to Lymington. As yachts rafted up at each mark, the air was rendered blue with shouting as crews fought for any advantage.

"We went round one mark outside 20 or more Sigma 33s. The sound of glass grinding against glass was horrific," Mike Richards, the helmsman on Chris Little's class I entry, *Bounder*, said.

Crackerjack got her break when smaller yachts in class I failed to make any headway against the west-going tidal stream in the light winds that prevailed early in the race.

Ironically, another Swan 46, *Aeru*, this one a lower-rated cruiser version owned by Nicholas Lykiardopulo, won class II by just four seconds from James Clark's *Xnantor* to make it a double celebration for these classic Frers-designed production yachts.

There was continued success yesterday for Christopher Body and Simon Miller's Swallow-class dayboat *Echo* which chalked up her fourth successive win and fifth victory during the week. *Funny Feeling*, Rupert and John Mander's Flying Fifteen also claimed her fifth gun.

But the lighter winds also caused some upsets. Ben van Bilderbeek's Sigma 38, *Solent Plexus*, together with Gordon Walker's *Pavlova III*, finally stole David Knight's thunder, pushing his *Summer Pudding*, which has scored five victories this week, down to third. It was a moral victory only though, for *Summer Pudding's* finish was enough to take the series with a race to spare.

Harsh lessons of life afloat

SOME people never learn. A certain Sigma 38, which shall remain anonymous, has been in the dog-house following a spot of aggressive racing. Ignoring all before it, it ploughed relentlessly through the Cowes Week fleet before crash-tacking, the yachting equivalent to a handbrake turn, to avoid a Victory. But what it did not notice was an innocent little SCOD, leading its own little fleet and heading for a triumphant finish, underneath its bows.

One major prang later, the crews met at the subsequent protest meeting, the SCOD winning the argument hands down only to find that fists were flying as soon as they stepped into the street. With both crews laying into each other, they were whipped back into the Cowes Combined Clubs office and were punished under Rule 75 — unsportsmanlike conduct.

Gone missing

The phantom nicker has struck again, targeting the press room for the second time in a week. Yesterday, Dennis Skillicorn, the BBC's man on the spot — and, indeed, yacht — left his inflatable dinghy in the charge of his daughter, only to discover that it had been stolen from under her very nose while she had a drink in the marina. Obviously, the thief is becoming more select in his choice of boats. Having whipped Barry Pickthall's leaking dinghy, Scamp, he has now chosen one that cannot sink. Unless, of course, the thief has stolen Dennis's dinghy in order to go out and look for Scamp to claim the case of Bombay Sapphire gin Barry has put up as a reward for Scamp's return.

Colour blind

Yachties are notoriously superstitious creatures. One of their pet fears is anything green. So, when the sponsors of the Teesside round Britain and Ireland race handed out nifty new crew jerseys yesterday — bottle green numbers with a subtle little logo on the left breast — they had to make a swift fashion announcement claiming the colour was not in fact green but "forest".

ALIX RAMSAY

Rowers fail to match success of scullers

FROM MIKE ROSEWELL IN MUNICH

BRITAIN have five boats in today's finals of the world junior rowing championships, only the men's quad adding to the total after yesterday's semi-finals. The crew, the best produced since the recent national concentration on sculling, appeared to have something in hand while holding first place from the chasing Swiss. The small women's quad, with Nicola Ledger, 15, at stroke, missed qualification by one place, but that was nevertheless a step forward for Britain.

The sculling success was not matched by the rowers on show yesterday. The nearest misses came for the men's coxed four and coxless pair. The coxed four, destined for fifth place on pedigree, just missed the third qualifying place by half a length after a slow start.

The coxless pair's elimination remained in doubt for 20 minutes while officials scrutinised a photo before deciding that Italy gained third by two hundredths of a second. The exhausted stroke man, Stefan Warnier, heard the bad news while recovering in the first aid centre.

The coxless four produced the biggest disappointment of the day, never featuring in their semi-final after an indifferent start and finishing fifth, thus ending a run of coxless fours final appearances that dates back to 1984. Britain's two diminutive scullers, Steve Lee and Sarah Watts, also filled fifth places, but can be proud of a B final ranking in their heavily-subscribed events.

Many of Britain's battles in the finals could centre around bronze medal and fourth places, but hopes of better could centre on the men's eight, nurtured by Bruce Grainger, Britain's most successful coach.

"They are straining at the leash," he said yesterday. "I handed out the bread rolls and nearly got my hand bitten off."

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Philadelphia 1 Pittsburgh 5; Chicago 1 Florida 5; Los Angeles 1 San Diego 0; Montreal 3 St Louis 7; Houston 6 Colorado 2.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Kansas City 5 Oakland 2; Boston 2 Toronto 5; Cleveland 5 Detroit 0; Milwaukee 5 Baltimore 3; Minnesota 2 New York 9; California 2 Seattle 4; Texas 4 Chicago 1.

MANAGUA: World amateur championships: United States 9 Holland 2; Taiwan 10 France 0; Sweden 2 Puerto Rico 10; Cuba 7 Colombia 1; Canada 3 South Korea 4.

BASKETBALL

TORONTO: World championships: First round: Pool A: United States 115 Spain 100; China 97 Brazil 93. Pool B: Croatia 85 Cuba 65; Australia 87 South Korea 85. Pool C: Canada 83 Angola 52; Russia 84 Argentina 64. Pool D: Puerto Rico 102 Egypt 74; Greece 88 Germany 58.

BOWLS

LEAMINGTON SPA: EWBA championships: Singles: Second round: J Wilson (Edenside, Carlisle) bt L Young (Moffat) 21-9; P Lee (Plymouth CS) bt S Bloomfield (Connaught) 21-14; C Smith (Park Lincoln) bt K Martin (Attesley) 21-14; P Kirk (Wealdstone) bt P Smart (Long Eaton, Silver Bend) 21-11; K Hawes (Oxford) bt P Margetti (Tewkesbury) 21-11; K Beaton (Wigton) bt B Mackerness (Saxmundham) 21-18; M Coles (Kinton) bt S Lee (North Walsham) 21-4; L Francis (Welford-on-Avon) bt E Measor (Cambridge Chesterton) 21-17; I Molyneux (Oxford) bt J Jackson (Edmonton) 21-10; J Newman (St Austell) bt J Bennett (Bembridge) 21-10; C Duarte (Meggdalen Park) bt R Buck (Acle, St Edmunds) 21-18; M Shuttleworth (Ponteland) bt J Nottage (Woolwich and Plumstead) 21-12; D Whittingham (Kingsway Hove) bt A Porter (Carlton Corneay) 21-18; M Green (High Wycombe) bt P Tomkins (Ampthill) 21-10; I Bates (Thatcham) bt T Wareham (Nailsworth) 21-15; J Baker (Blackwell) bt L Sandoz (Kidderminster Git Edge) 21-13. Third round: Lee bt Wilson 21-14; Kirk bt Smith 21-7; Hawes bt Baker 21-15; Francis bt Coles 21-15; Duarte bt Newman 21-9; Whittingham bt Shuttleworth 21-20; Bates bt Green 22-12. Quarter-finals: Kirk bt Lee 21-2; Francis bt Hawes 21-19; Bates bt Whittingham 21-15. Fours: Third round: Blackwell bt Welwyn Garden City 24-14; Peterborough and District bt Rodbourne 29-25; Belderton bt Ubsny of Bedford 22-16; Palm Cottage bt Wodlington Havering 22-18; Seaton Burn bt Broomfield 22-17; 19-14; Seaton Burn bt Broomfield 22-17; Southey bt Tilehurst 20-12; Langford bt Southbourne 20-19; Carlton Corney bt Kingsthorpe 21-16. Quarter-finals: Peterborough and District bt Blackwell, Derby 26-25 (after extra end); Palm Cottage, Gillingham bt Belderton 18-13; Seaton Burn bt Southy 20-11; Carlton Conway bt Langford 25-9.

BOURNEMOUTH: Open tournament: Singles: Fifth round: A Aist bt G Wills 21-16; A Parnell bt M Nicholson 21-12; T Taylor bt J Waterfield 21-6; B Kingdon bt D Bishop 21-14; G Saunders bt G Moon 21-18; L Prince bt M King 21-20; J Williamson bt M Ward 21-17; A Howard bt G Parker 21-12; D Dennis bt J Cook 21-20; I Reeves bt J Barnett 21-11; R Vinter bt M Tyler 21-14; R Gegs bt W Gallacher 21-15; D Taylor bt E Skelton 21-17; S Jordan bt P Woodier 21-13; W Garnett bt G Palmer 21-11; N Leigh bt C Stenger 21-16. Sixth round: Ash bt Parnell 21-19; T Taylor bt Kingdon 21-17; Saunders bt Prince 21-18; Howard bt Williamson 21-15; Reeves bt Dennis 21-16; Gegs bt Vinter 21-8; D Taylor bt Jordan 21-15; Garnett bt Leigh 21-18.

CRICKET

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Chester-le-Street: Middlesex 295-9 dec (R J Sims 62). Durham 250-8 dec (A R Fothergill 65 not out). Match drawn. The Oval: Glamorgan 363-7 dec (R D D Croft 88, S P James 80, A Jones 67 not out) and 207-5 dec (J Bishop 59). Surrey 300-7 dec (M A Butcher 83, N F Sargeant 62) and 74-1. Match drawn.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Torquay: Shropshire 275-8 (T Paton 116); Devon 248. Shropshire won by 27 runs. Lakenham: Norfolk 36-0 v Cambridgeshire.

SHENLEY (one day): England Amateur XI 202-1 (P Dicks 107 not out, D Storer 89); Batsmas 29. England Amateur XI won by 176 runs.

DARTS

BLACKPOOL: World matchplay: Second round: R Harrington (Eng) bt P Lim (US) 8-4; J Watkins (US) bt K Deller (Eng) 18-16; S Burgess (Eng) bt D Smith (Eng) 8-4. Quarter-finals: D Priestley (Eng) bt J Harvey (Sco) 11-4; Harrington bt Watkins 11-7.

GLIDING

LARAGNE, France: European Hang Gliding championships: Eighth day: Individual results (task four): 1, M Ruhmer (Austria) 1,000pts; 2, T Suchanek (Cz) 933; 3, E Poulet (Fr) 825. British: 11, J Pendry 889; 15, R Hamilton 882; 20, S Rigg 725; 39, M Chick 722; 40, G Phipps 702. Overall: 1, Suchanek 3,000pts; 2, Ruhmer 2,584; 3, C Cech (It) 2,449. British: 7, Pendry 2,248; 10, Rigg 2,084; 17, Hamilton 2,829; 25, Phipps 2,580; 38, Chick 2,274. Team: 1, Italy 10,001pts; 2, Austria 9,838; 3, France 9,856; 4, Great Britain 9,212.

RIETI, Italy: European championships: Eighth day (open and 15m), Ninth day (Std): Open DS (411km): 1, R Brighton (It, ASW20BL) 141kph, 981pts; 2, P Bougard (Bel, Nimbus 3) 140.8, 960; 3, B Gentenbrink (Ger, Nimbus 4) 140.7, 948. British: 9, R May (ASH-25) 134.9, 870; 18, J Gorringe (ASH-25) 122.0, 695. Overall open (eight days, cl 22): 1, Gentenbrink 7005pts; 2, M Heller (Ger, ASH-25) 6990; 3, F Heuser (Switz, Nimbus 3) 6690. British: 14, May 6271; 21, Gorringe 4089. 15m DS (361km): 1, M Koivula (Fin, LS6) 131.9kph, 954pts; 2, W Meuser (Ger, Ventus 2) 131.8, 950; 3, H Obermayer (Ger, Ventus 2) 121.3, 948. British: 19, E Lysakowski (Ventus B) 117.9, 759; 26, P Jeffery (LS7) 114.0, 703; 27, J Edyvean (Ventus C) 113.5, 696. Overall 15m (8 days, cl 34): 1, S Ghiozzo (It, Ventus 2) 6585pts; 2, M Dedera (Cz, Ventus C) 6391; 3, Meuser (Ger) 6360. British: 23, Edyvean 4699; 26, Lysakowski 4638; 32, Jeffery 4309. Standard DS (364km): 1, L Avanzini (It, Discus) 125.8kph, 1000pts; 2, L Brigliadori (It, Discus) 124.2, 977; 3, M Gaumann (Switz, Discus) 121.8, 943. British: 26, D Campbell (Discus) 111.5, 786; 31, G McAndrew (Discus) 108.0, 749. Overall Std (9 days, cl 36): 1, R Schramme (Ger, Discus) 7608pts; 2, P Fischer (Ger, Discus) 7604; 3, E Ziegler (Ger, LS8) 7603. British: 21, Campbell 6183; 26, McAndrew 5914.

GOLF

STRATTON MOUNTAIN: Women's tournament: Leading first round scores (US unless stated): 64: B King. 66: K Guadagnino 67: E Gibson. 68: P Dunlap; D Andrews; A Dibos (Peru). 69: S Stanbauer; C Parick; N Ramabottom; C Pierce (GB); C Johnson; C Hill; V Fergon; L Connelly; Janet Anderson. 70: H Kobayashi (Japan). Other British: 73: S Strudwick.

GOODWILL GAMES

DIVING: Women: 1m springboard: 1, C Lixle (China) 270.36pts; 2, L Haisong (China) 261.06; 3, V Ilyina (Russ).

GYMNASTICS: Men: Individual: Floor: 1 equal, A Namov (Russ) and G Misyutin (Ukr) 9.750pts; 3, D Vasilenko (Russ) 9.650. Pommel: 1 equal, Namov and Misyutin 9.700; 3, A Shostak (Belo) 9.650. Rings: 1, D Burinca (Rom) 9.800; 2, A Voropayev (Russ) 9.775; 3 equal, S Keswick (US) and Vasilenko 9.700 Vault: 1, Misyutin 9.550; 2, Y Shelepyev (Russ) 9.512; 3, Voropayev 9.500. Parallel: 1 equal, Shelepyev and D Chijon (China) 9.725; 3, Namov 9.700. Horizontal: 1, Voropayev 9.750; 2, S Nistor (Rom) 9.575; 3, C Lyan (China) 9.500.

FIGURE SKATING: Men's technical: 1, A Urmenov (Russ) 0.5; 2, T Eldridge (US) 1.0; 3, P Candeloro (Fr) 1.5. Pairs technical: 1, N Mishkutyonok/A Dmitriyev (Russ) 0.6pts; 2, E Shtekhova/V Naumov (Russ) 1.0; 3, M Bilsova/A Bushkov (Russ) 1.5. Women's technical: 1, S Bonaly (Fr) 0.6pts; 2, O Markova (Russ) 1.0; 3, M-P Lacay (Fr) 1.5. Ice dancing compulsory: 1, I Romanova/I Yaroshenko (Ukr) 0.2pts; 2, I Lobacheva/I Averbuch (Russ) 0.4; 3, E Grushina/R Goncharov (Ukr) 0.6. Original set pattern: 1, Romanova/Yaroshenko 0.8; 2, Lobacheva/Averbuch 1.2; 3, Grushina/Goncharov 1.8. Free programme: 1, N Mishkutyonok/A Dmitriyev (Russ) 1.0; 2, M Bilsova/A Bushkov (Russ) 2.0; 3, E Shtekhova/V Naumov (Russ) 3.0. Final standings: 1, Mishkutyonok/Dmitriyev 1.5; 2, Bilsova/Bushkov 3.5; 3, Shshkova/Naumov 4.0.

VOLLEYBALL: Final: Russia 3 United States 0. Third place: Japan 3 China 1. Fifth place: Cuba 3 Germany 0. Seventh place: Holland 3 Peru 1.

YACHTING: Final positions: Men's Finn class (single-handed dinghy): 1, C Monk (NZ) 4pts; 2, E Detgen (Fr) 8; 3, R Clark (Can) 15. Mistral (sailboard): 1, M McCraig (Can) 7; 2, J-M de Chevigny (Fr) 8; 3, K Hemmeking (Ger) 14. Women Europe (single-handed dinghy): 1, A Bowman (Ire) 11pts; 2, S Robertson (GB) 12; 3, T Moberg-Parker (Can) 14. Mistral (sailboard): 1, L Neuburger (Virgin Is) 5; 2, J Melhoe (Fr) 11; 3, L Butler (US) 13

ROWING

MUNICH: World junior championships (first three to final, remainder to B final): Men: Coxed fours: First semi-final: 1, Germany 6min 33sec; 2, Australia 6.36; 3, Slovenia 6.38; 4, Great Britain 6.40. Second semi-final: 1, United States 6.33; 2, Romania 6.36; 3, Spain 6.36.2. Coxless pairs: First semi-final: 1, Germany 6.55; 2, France 6.57; 3, Croatia 7.01. Second semi-final: 1, Mexico 7.02; 2, Spain 7.07.03; 3, Italy 7.07.47; 4, Great Britain 7.07.48. Coxless fours: First semi-final: 1, Germany 6.20; 2, Canada 6.25; 3, Czech Republic 6.26; 5, Great Britain 6.32. Second semi-final: 1, France 6.25; 2, Norway 6.29; 3, Spain 6.29.2. Sculls: First semi-final: 1, Italy 7.23; 2, Slovenia 7.28; 3, Argentine 7.28.5; 5, Great Britain 7.44. Second semi-final: 1, Germany 7.29; 2, New Zealand 7.31; 3, Belgium 7.32. Double sculls: First semi-final: 1, France 6.55; 2, Australia 6.59; 3, Spain 7.03. Second semi-final: 1, Germany 6.57; 2, Austria 7.00; 3, Ireland 7.02. GB go to C final. Quad sculls: First semi-final: 1, Great Britain 6.17; 2, Switzerland 6.18; 3, Poland 6.18.9. Second semi-final: 1, Germany 6.12; 2, Italy 6.17; 3, Spain 6.19. Women: Sculls: First semi-final: 1, Norway 8.06; 2, Australia 8.10; 3, New Zealand 8.11. Second semi-final: 1, France 8.05; 2, Denmark 8.07; 3, Canada 8.12; 5, Great Britain 8.40. Double sculls: First semi-final: 1, Germany 7.47; 2, Switzerland 7.51; 3, Slovakia 8.05. Second semi-final: 1, Italy 7.54; 2, Australia 7.54.8; 3, Denmark 7.56. (No GB entry.) Squad sculls: First semi-final: 1, Germany 8.58; 2, Spain 7.08; 3, Ukraine 7.08.7; 5, Great Britain 7.10. Second semi-final: 1, China 7.08; 2, Austria 7.07; 3, Hungary 7.08.

SNOOKER

MELBOURNE: Australian open: Quarter-finals: W Thorne (Eng) bt S Gorski (Aus) 7-1; M Williams (Wal) bt S Charlton (Aus) 7-2; J Higgins (Sco) bt W King (Aus) 7-3.

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: Second division: Sheffield 49 Swindon 46.

WOLVERHAMPTON: Sam Ermolenko testimonial: 1, S Ermolenko (Wolves); 2, P Karlsson (Wolves); 3, J Screen (Bradford).

SQUASH

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand: Men's world junior squash championships: Semi-finals: A Barada (Egypt) bt T Lincou (Fr) 9-2, 9-0, 9-2; O el Borollossy (Egypt) bt I Higgins (Eng) 9-7, 9-2, 9-5

TENNIS

KITZBÜHEL: Men's tournament: Third round: G Scheller (Austria) bt S Noszaly (Hun) 6-3, 6-3; O Gros (Ger) bt R Agenor (Hait) 6-4, 6-3; T Muster (Austria) bt J-A Vilioca (Sp) 6-3, 6-3; F Santoro (Fr) bt J Burillo (Sp) 6-3, 6-4; G Ivanisevic (Cro) bt F Clavet (Sp) 6-2, 6-4; T Carbonell (Sp) bt R Furlan (It) 2-6, 7-6, 6-4; F Meligeni (Br) bt R Fromberg (Aus) 6-2, 6-4; J Sánchez (Sp) bt J Arrese (Sp) 7-6, 6-7, 6-1. Quarter-finals: Scheller bt Scheller 4-6, 6-3, 6-2; Muster bt Gros 6-2, 6-3; Ivanisevic bt Meligeni 6-3, 6-4; Carbonell bt Sánchez 3-6, 6-2, 6-3.

PRAGUE: Men's tournament: Second round: S Bruguera (Sp) bt J Krocsko (Hun) 6-1, 6-1; S Dosedel (Cz) bt O Kristiansson (Swe) 4-6, 6-1, 6-1; A Corretja (Sp) bt C Ruud (Nor) 6-7, 6-4, 6-3; K Novacek (Cz) bt M Goellner (Ger) 7-5, 3-6, 7-6. Quarter-finals: A Medvedev (Ukr) bt O Martinez (Sp) 7-6, 6-3; Bruguera bt Novacek 6-2, 6-2; A Costa (Sp) bt A Chesnokov (Russ) 6-3, 6-1; Dosedel bt Corretja 1-6, 6-3, 7-5.

LOS ANGELES: Men's tournament: Second round: B Becker (Ger) bt C Adams (US) 7-6, 6-1; A Agassi (US) bt G Ruseckid (Can) 6-3, 6-2; J Stoltenberg (Aus) bt S Bryan (US) 7-6, 6-3; K Braasch (Ger) bt S Campbell (US) 6-4, 6-2.

CARLSBAD, California: Women's tournament: Third round: A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) bt M Werdel (US) 0-6, 6-4, 6-4; C Martinez (Sp) bt G Helgeson (US) 6-4, 6-3; L Davenport (US) bt A Grossman (US) 6-1, 6-2; J Novotna (Cz) bt I Majoli (Cro) 6-4, 6-3; J Heland (Fr) bt N Medvedeva (Ukr) 6-2, 6-3; C Singer (Ger) bt S Appelmans (Bel) 6-4, 6-0; T Wallinger-Jones (US) bt A Gavaldon (Mex) 6-2, 3-0 ret.

YACHTING

MEDINA COWES WEEK: Island Sailing Club: CHS Class 1: 1, Crackerjack (K Miller), 2, Sidewinder (D Best); 3, Mandrake (T Pratt). CHS Class 2: 1, Aera (N Lykiardopulo); 2, Xnantor (J Clark); 3, Jackdaw (D Waters). CHS Class 3: 1, Sky Hunter (P Bainbridge); 2, Tsmam (P Zoesch); 3, Helios (T Mitchell). CHS Class 4: 1, Prime Cut (P Parker); 2, Gumdrop (T and D Andrews); 3, Owl (P Bruce). CHS Class 5: 1, Burhou (S King and D Wilks); 2, Backchat (R Townsend); 3, Hydrology (G Weeks). CHS Class 6: 1, Singaro (D Barr and B Giddings); 2, Fandosc (Royal Naval SA); 3, Dynamite (J McIntosh) Mumm 36: 1, Vaporetto Pollt (C Vatiullin); 2, Noddy (T Rocha; 3, Mumm A Mia (P Gela). Etchells: 1, Water Rat (J Ratnage); 2, Kasamba (T Law); 3, Dangerous Liaison (F Graham and T Coppey). Derling: 1, Daundasa (P Porter and G Peckham); 2, Damsel (J Sheldon); 3, Division Belle (M Glyills and C Hall). Dragon: 1, Temeraire VII (A Bulmer); 2, Riff Raff (M Payne), 3, Hectic (J Williams). Sigma 38: 1, Solent Plexus (B van Bilderbeck); 2, Pavlova III (G Walker); 3, Summer Pudding (D Knight).

Sonata: 1, Cadenzza (C Brigg and J Froy); 2, An'Mezoo (D Hopkins); 3, Missred (M and S Salter). Sigma 33: 1, The Business (C Ash); 2, Offbeat (D McLernan); 3, Shadowfax (J Nelson). Redwing: 1, Red Gauntlet, IV Stratton); 2, Quail (J Peal); 3, Siskin (T and M Montague Douglas-Scott). Swallow: 1, Echo (C Bocy and S Millar); 2, Boomerang (J and G Buckwell); 3, Archon (J Vernon). Mermaid: 1, Bluebell (N and R Dobbs); 2, Cynthia (W Edwards); 3, Hallul (J and R Hill). Contessa 32: 1, Nyamnyami (F and K Williams); 2, Blue Contessa II (R MacGregor); 3, Equator (S Porter) Sunbeam: 1, Comedy (B Sampson); 2, Danny (R Wickens); 3, Santa Baby (M Williamson). J24: 1, Virtin On The Ridiculous (C Stobart-Hook); 2, The Ivanembe Connection (C Kearns); 3, Head Case (J Calasolone and E Delson). Squib: 1, Wipeout (S Wright); 2, Moonraker (P Tracey); 3, Setu (D Hewat). Victory: 1, Zinnia (J Lear); 2, Ripple (H Evans and C Dolan); 3, Minx (D Freeman and A Terry). SCOD: 1, Tio Pepe (T and D Rooker); 2, Tuonela (R Harding); 3, Mahogany Log (A and P Hitt). Flying 15: 1, Funny Feeling (R and J Mander); 2, Forrader (D Rutherford); 3, True Colours (M Dixon and S Sorlven). XOD: 1, Vanity (W McNeil and A Tredrea); 2, Xenon (J and A Okill-Cooper); 3, Wanda (P Baines)

LA ROCHELLE: World championships: Leading qualifiers (for weekend Grand Final): Women's 470: 1, T Zabelli (B via Dufresne (Sp) 9.00pts; 2, R Tarariv/N Hepenovich (Ukr) 28.00; 3, L Leon/V Mainemare (Sp) 28.00; 4, P Hardwiger/C Pinnow (Ger) 38.00; 5, N Bovet/P Guerra (Sp) 39 00. Men's 470: 1, J Memoks/I Walker (GB) 28.00; 2, K Yamada/S Saito (Japan) 37.00; 3, M Westerland/H Wallin (Swe) 45.00; 4, A Kosmapoulos/K Trigonis (Gr) 48.00; 5, P Clen/M Scotto (It) 48.00.

Women's Laser Radial: 1, K Roug (Den) 10.00; 2, D Jensen (Den) 20 00; 3, D Neate Brennan (US) 20.00; 4, G Harrity (NZ) 30.00; 5, R Zuccihinelli (N) 32.00. Women's J22: 1, C Briend (Fr) 3.00; 2, A Waring (NZ) 10 00; 3, N Woehren (Ger) 13.00; 4, N Davis (Aus) 14 00, 5, A McGaw (Swe) 16.00.

Saturday portrait: John Regis by David Powell

Powerhouse athlete sees his destiny in combat on the track

ILLUSTRATION: STEVE MARTIN



John Regis is the champion British sprinter who likes talking to the newspapers. The other chap has retreated in the presence of reporters this week, though he will deliver his thoughts on the European athletics championships at a press conference in Helsinki today. Whatever it is that unsettles Linford Christie before a championship only he knows, but it does him no harm. He wins — disliking the written media helps his motivation apparently — and soon we are one big happy family again. Until a week or two before the next season's main race.

Regis is Mr Dial-a-Quote and he has been giving interviews this week to almost anyone. In the bar of a Monte Carlo hotel, where Christie walked out when journalists walked in, Regis was as unstoppable in conversation as he had been on a track in Sestriere last Sunday. There, high in the Italian Alps, he improved his 200 metres British record to 19.87sec.

Want an opinion on an issue of the day? Regis will not let you down. He has opinions on many things. Frank Dick, England cricketers, Eamonn Martin and South Africa have all suffered his tongue in print. Mostly, he can deliver a reasoned argument to support his criticisms.

He has had disagreements with Christie but it has never come to High Noon. A comment Christie made on television about Regis's performance in Lausanne this season — "basically Linford was saying that I shouldn't be happy coming second" — upset him. But they talked it through and sorted out their differences, so much so that the 100 metres world and Olympic champion arranged for press cuttings of Regis's run in Sestriere to be sent to Monte Carlo. "People think that Linford and I are at loggerheads, but we are not," Regis said.

If they were, would Regis admit that he does not mind being referred to as Britain's "other" sprinter? "Linford has got the grand slam — European, Commonwealth, world and Olympic titles. I cannot compete with that. He is the No 1 sprinter in Britain — but at 200 metres it is a different ball game."

Even if Regis were to hold those titles at 200 metres, he would still be Britain's "other" sprinter. There are sprinters and there are 200 metres runners. The 200 metres is not satisfying for the average spectator, who is seeing neither the fastest man nor one who goes a full lap. As the Texan, Michael Johnson, put it when he was world champion before switching to the 400 metres: "The 100 and 400 are the glamour events. The 200 is just stuck somewhere in between."

A 200 metres runner is like being a wicketkeeper, a circus juggler, Art Garfunkel: people watch you perform but they are really there to see somebody else. Regis, though, is grateful for the 200 metres. His relay running has shown that he could be just as successful at 400 metres but the pain puts him off. He sees as much merit in the 200 metres as in the 100 metres. "The 100 metres is pure explosion, power, speed; the 200 metres is tactical because if you run too hard too early you will not win, so there is endurance involved."

> **'I believe that I still have the best four years of my life to come — my aim is to dominate'**

How Regis treasures having beaten Christie through the 20-seconds barrier, the first Briton to do so. He accomplished it at the world championships in Stuttgart last year, when he was second in 19.94sec behind Frankie Fredericks, of Namibia, whom he beat for the first time in Sestriere. On present form, Regis will win the 200 metres at the European championships, that begin tomorrow, and the Commonwealth title before the month is out.

At 27, he has accomplished much more than Christie, now 34, had at the same age. Nevertheless, he said: "I believe that I have the best four years of my life to come. The world championships are next year and the Olympics are in two years. My aim is to dominate."

Regis hammers the tartan as his speed hits 23 miles an hour, his square, muscular physique showing in contrast to the other leading 200 metres runners. Fredericks, Johnson, Carl Lewis are all taller and leaner than the 5ft 11in, 14½-stone Regis. The Tysonesque neck (18in), the upper-body definition (44in chest), the weightlifter's legs. Regis looks like he could give piggybacks to elephants. A son to be proud of for Anthony Regis, the former champion body-builder of St Lucia.

Born in Lewisham, south London, Regis wanted to be a footballer, though his mother, a nurse, had other ideas. "She wanted me to be a brain surgeon ... I tell you she wanted me to be a brain surgeon." He resisted (passing only two O-levels helped) and went for trials with Newcastle, Arsenal and Charlton a decade ago. He had an uncomfortable time, experiencing prejudice against black players.

"At the time I left school I was soccer mad. Athletics was not in my mind. I used to play for Thames Polytechnic and the manager had links with Newcastle, so I was sent there for two weeks. They were not receptive to dark-skinned people. The only black they had was in their team strip." In athletics he found blacks were received warmly. "In track and field I could have been yellow," he said.

The prejudice he faced unsettled his attitude to football but he was influenced towards athletics because "in football you can have the best game of your life and lose — I wanted a sport where I could control my own destiny". Winning a 100 metres bronze medal at the 1985 European junior championships convinced Regis, a cousin of Cyrille Regis, the former England centre forward, to abandon football.

It took sprinting to do it. Three years earlier Regis had won long and triple jump titles at the European Catholic Schools championships. "I found the long jump and triple jump boring because I was competing against the sand. I needed people near me to feel I was in a competition."

A 20-handicap golfer, a fair tennis player, and with a best snooker break of 58, Regis is adept at most things sporting. When Colin Jackson set a 200 metres hurdles world best of 22.63sec, Regis was close behind, in 22.79sec. He seems an obvious candidate for American football when he retires from athletics but he is not all speed and muscle. He is common sense too. "There is no way I want to risk a crazy man hitting me when I am not looking. I could be a paraplegic. I will be comfortably off from athletics when I finish. Why take the risk?"

His experience in the Los Angeles earthquake, which killed 61 people in January, has taught him the value of life. Away from his home in Sidcup, Kent, and in Los Angeles for training, he was asleep when the tremor shook his bedroom for 45 seconds. "I thought my time was up. It was like being in a barrel rolling down a hill. I have never been so frightened. It will always seem like yesterday. I would like to have bought a house in California but not now. Sidcup, you're the one for me."

When his track days are over, Regis wants to stay in athletics, either as a commentator or working for the British Athletic Federation. "I have had so much fun in athletics, I want to still be involved. I enjoy the training, the competition, the travelling. If I am reincarnated, I am coming straight back into track and field and doing it all over again." Satisfying himself and, no doubt, the newspapers.

Athletes from a changing Europe brought together in Finland

Christie leading Britain's charge

FROM DAVID POWELL
ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT
IN HELSINKI

FOUR years on from the last European championships and much has changed. Split, where the championships were held, has been disfigured by civil war. Twenty-one of the 43 champions from 1990 now compete under the flags of different countries, the Soviet Union and East Germany existing no longer. Sally Gunnell, sixth in the 400 metres hurdles, has become one of the most successful women in the history of British sport.

One constant, though, is Finland's affection for athletics, a country of five million people and probably as many javelins. When Helsinki asked for 2,000 volunteers to help stage the 1994 championships beginning tomorrow, too many applied and hundreds were turned away. The 40,000-seat stadium will be full, or nearly-full, for the main session each day.

Some £2 million in sponsorship is a Finnish record in the marketing of a sports event. Impressive support from a country which, these days, is poorly served for athletes. Today Helsinki pays tribute to Lasse Viren, unveiling a statue of Finland's double Olympic 5,000 and 10,000 metres champion. The thread of Finland's distance-running tradition has been broken, and it is more in desperation than by objective judgment that Risto Ulmala is being promoted as a potential winner of the first track final, the men's 10,000 metres, tomorrow evening.

The gold medal is likely to go to Vincent Rousseau, of Belgium, Tony Martins, of France, or Francesco Panetta, of Italy. If Jan Zelezny is fit, Finland's javelin throwers should be denied, which leaves their walkers. Sari Essayah and Valentin Kononen, as the host country's only probable winners.

Russia, Germany and Great Britain will dominate. There are 12 events in which Britain will have some expectation of victories: 100 metres (Linford Christie), 200 metres (John Regis), 400 metres (Roger Black or Du'aine Ladejo), 110 metres hurdles (Colin Jackson), high jump (Dalton Grant or Steve Smith), triple jump (Jonathan Edwards), marathon (Richard Nerurkar), 3,000 metres (Yvonne Murray), 400 metres hurdles (Sally Gunnell), men's 4 X 100 metres, and men's and women's 4 X 400 metres.

Christie is seeking his third successive European 100 metres title and Malcolm Arnold, Britain's chief coach, said yesterday that, in starts practice to ten, 30 and 60 metres this week, he looked sharp. Christie's concern is his lack of races in the three weeks since he suffered a hamstring injury. Black, too, is chasing a third successive European title and, but for the recent improvement shown by Ladejo, would look certain to succeed. Now there is a doubt.

On the basis of modest form this season, neither Steve Backley, in the javelin, nor Tom McKean, in the 800 metres, seems likely to retain his title. Rob Denmark, is the 1993 European Cup 5,000 metres champion but has not looked it this season.

Backley and Denmark are medal hopes, as are eight more Britons. They are Solomon Wariso (200 metres), Tony Jarrett (110 metres hurdles), Gary Cadogan (400 metres hurdles), Mick Hill (javelin), Katharine Merry (200 metres), Phylis Smith (400 metres), Kelly Holmes (1,500 metres) and Alison Wyeth (3,000 metres).

In Split, Regis became the first man to win four medals in one European championships, equalling the achievement of three women, Fanny Blankers-Koen, Irena Szewinska and Stanislawa Walasiewicz. None, however, won four golds and Irina Privalova, a Russian student, may become the first.

Privalova set a 100 metres European record this season and should win both sprints. Her Russian team should win the 4 x 100 metres and, if she attempts the 4 X 400 metres, might secure a fourth gold.

Katrin Krabbe, the German sprinter, broke through as the sport's new golden girl in 1990, with three wins but is now banned for a drugs offence and will be taking no interest.

Krabbe might like it hot but Katrin Dorre does not. Dorre, winner of the last three London marathons, criticised the decision to stage the women's marathon tomorrow in the midday heat. "The runners are in the way of television," Dorre said.

Britain need 19 medals to maintain their improvement at each European championship since 1978. Then, seven were won. In 1982 it was nine, 16 in 1986 and 18 in 1990. The foundations of past successes were laid by Britain's middle-distance runners. The 1-2-3 of Coe, McKean and Cram in 1986 moved one journalist to liken them to Spitfires. Now we are fighting with gliders.







Du'aine Ladejo, Irina Privalova and Katrin Dorre will be seeking gold

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS AND TELEVISION DETAILS

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Tomorrow
0730: Men's 400m hurdles (heats).
0740: Women's shot (qualifying)
0815: Women's 800m (heats)
0830: Men's high jump (qualifying).
0900: Women's marathon
0915: Women's 100m (heats)
0940: Women's triple jump
1015: Men's 100m (heats).
1520: Women's shot (final).
1525: Women's 100m (second round).
1605: Men's 100m (second round).
1650: Men's 1,500m (heats)
1730: Men's 10,000m (final)
1810: Men's javelin (qualifying).
1815: Women's 3,000m (heat).
1835: Women's 3,000m (heat).
1855: Women's 3,000m (heat)
TELEVISION: BBC1 0850-1145, 1600-1805 BBC2 in Sunday Grandstand (1230-1920).

Monday
0730: Women's heptathlon 100m hurdles.
0810: Women's 100m hurdles (heats).
0840: Women's heptathlon high jump.
0855: Women's 400m (heats).
0935: Men's 400m (heats).
1520: Women's heptathlon shot.
1600: Men's 20km walk.
1610: Women's triple jump (final).
1615: Women's 100m (semi-finals).
1635: Men's 100m (semi-finals).
1650: Men's javelin (final)
1655: Men's 400m hurdles (semi-finals)
1745: Women's heptathlon 200m
1825: Women's 100m (final).
1845: Men's 100m (final).
1900: Women's 800m (semi-finals)
TELEVISION: BBC1 1820-1900, 2030-2100 (highlights). BBC2 1025-1055, 1600-1820 (with cricket).

Tuesday
0730: Women's discus (qualifying)
0800: Women's 400m hurdles (heats)
0820: Men's pole vault (qualifying)
0830: Women's heptathlon long jump
0900: Women's discus (qualifying).
1400: Women's heptathlon javelin.
1520: Women's heptathlon javelin
1615: Men's high jump (final).
1620: Women's 100m hurdles (semi-finals)
1640: Men's 400m (semi-finals).
1700: Women's 10km walk
1710: Women's heptathlon 800m
1720: Men's long jump (qualifying)
1800: Women's 400m (semi-finals).
1825: Women's 100m hurdles (final).
1840: Men's 1,500m (final)
1900: Men's 3,000m steeplechase (heat).
1920: Men's 3,000m steeplechase (heat).
1940: Men's 3,000m steeplechase (heat).
TELEVISION: BBC1 2030-2100 BBC2 1600-1940 (with cricket)

Wednesday
0730: Men's hammer (qualifying).
0730: Women's 200m (heats).
0830: Men's 200m (heats).
0850: Men's hammer (qualifying).
1010: Men's hammer (qualifying).
1615: Women's 200m (second round)
1620: Women's discus (final).
1650: Men's 200m (second round)
1700: Men's long jump (final).
1730: Women's wheelchair 800m
1745: Men's wheelchair 1,500m
1800: Women's 800m (final).
1815: Men's 400m hurdles (final)
1835: Women's 3,000m (final)
1910: Women's 400m hurdles (semi-final).
1925: Women's 400m hurdles (semi-final).
TELEVISION: BBC1 2030-2100. BBC2 1600-1930

Thursday
0730: Women's javelin (qualifying).
0800: Men's 110m hurdles (heats)
0830: Men's triple jump (qualifying).
0900: Women's javelin (qualifying)
1000: Men's triple jump (qualifying)
1440: Men's hammer (final).
1500: Men's pole vault (final).
1620: Women's 200m (semi-finals)
1630: Women's long jump (qualifying).
1640: Men's 200m (semi-finals).
1700: Men's 800m (heats)
1750: Women's 400m (final)
1805: Men's 400m (final).
1820: Women's 200m (final).
1835: Men's 200m (final).
1855: Men's 5,000m (heat).
1925: Men's 5,000m (heat)
TELEVISION: BBC1 1745-1845, 2030-2100. BBC2 1600-1745, 1845-1945

Friday
0730: Men's decathlon 100m.
0730: Men's discus (qualifying).
0800: Men's high jump (qualifying).
0840: Men's decathlon long jump.
0900: Men's discus (qualifying).
1040: Men's decathlon shot.
1440: Men's decathlon high jump.
1450: Men's shot (qualifying).
1615: Women's long jump (final)
1620: Men's 110m hurdles (semi-finals)
1645: Men's 800m (semi-finals).
1650: Women's javelin (final).
1710: Women's 400m hurdles (final).
1725: Men's 3,000m steeplechase (final)
1750: Men's decathlon 400m
1830: Men's 110m hurdles (final).
1850: Women's 1,500m (heat).
1905: Women's 1,500m (heat).
1925: Women's 1,500m (heat).
TELEVISION: BBC1 1600-1745, 1810-1845, 2030-2100

Saturday
0700: Men's 50km walk.
0730: Men's decathlon 110m hurdles.
0820: Women's 4x100m relay (heats).
0830: Men's decathlon discus.
0850: Men's 4x100m relay (heats)
1000: Men's decathlon discus.
1130: Men's decathlon pole vault.
1400: Men's decathlon javelin.
1520: Men's decathlon javelin.
1610: Men's triple jump (final)
1620: Women's 4x100m relay (final)
1635: Men's 4x100m relay (final)
1650: Women's 10,000m (final).
1700: Men's shot (final).
1750: Men's decathlon 1,500m
1835: Men's 4x400m relay (heats).
1905: Women's 4x400m relay (heat)
1920: Women's 4x400m relay (heat).
TELEVISION: BBC1 1230-1730 (in Saturday Grandstand) BBC2 1615-1800 (with golf), 1800-1930 (with highlights)

Sunday August 14
0730: Men's marathon.
1230: Women's high jump (final).
1300: Men's discus (final)
1315: Men's 800m (final).
1345: Women's 1,500m (final).
1410: Women's 4x400m relay (final)
1435: Men's 4x400m relay (final)
1505: Men's 5,000m (final).
TELEVISION: BBC1 0725-0950, 1305-1530, 2305-0015 (with football). BBC2 1230-1830 (review).

Closed city throws off shroud of anonymity



David Miller surveys a Siberian outpost being warmly promoted to host a future Goodwill Games

Beside the rushing mountain water of the Amyl river, high in the virgin forests of southern Siberia and 250 miles from the nearest town, Ted Turner and Jane Fonda sit down to supper, outside their tents, together with the governor of Krasnoyarsk. The dish is the grayling caught that day from narrow-boat canoes, which ride the shallow rapids like corks.

Siberia? The purpose of Turner's 2,000-mile flight from the Goodwill Games in St Petersburg, in company with Vitaly Smirnov, the president of the Russian Olympic committee, is to consider an unusual project: the possible hosting of the Goodwill Games of 2002 by Krasnoyarsk (Red Hill) — the hitherto little-known city of one of the richest regions in the world.

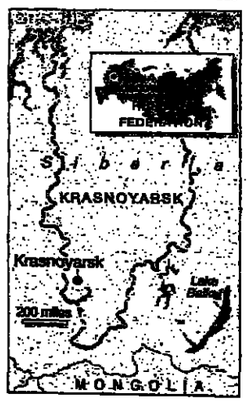
The fishing, made possible by a two-hour ride in a military helicopter for a journey normally taking four days by canoe and outboard, is a day off after inspecting the city. It is unusual to see the queen of screen in oilies and wellies busy casting a spinner, amid scenery where few men have ever been.

Should Krasnoyarsk's bid be accepted, Turner will have stolen a march on his television, business and sporting rivals, opening new doors in his quest to unite two of the world's three most powerful nations. The only other tentative candidates are Rostov-on-Don and Saratov, on the Volga.

"We shall be sending a team to analyse all contingencies," Turner said, "and a decision must be taken within two years. We have to be sure that Krasnoyarsk can provide the sports facilities, accommodation, transport and communication, and be sure they have the political commitment. We must be careful — there are some negatives." Losses in St Petersburg are expected to exceed estimates.

Valery Zubov, the governor, who had a 75 per cent majority in recent elections that revealed only three per cent to be communists, is optimistic that the city — headquarters of the former Soviet space project and closed to the outside world since before the Second World War — can handle the challenge. "It will be a brave move, but makes sense, because we are one of the world's new economic regions," Zubov said. "We could not do it now, but in eight years we would be ready. President Yeltsin was here four days ago, and has guaranteed assistance if we are nominated."

Krasnoyarsk Territory, which stretches 2,000 miles from the China border in the south to the Arctic, was the largest administrative division of the Soviet Union, and is now of Russia — over four times the size of France. Its £1.7 billion exports per annum are four fifths of Siberia's total, and the potential wealth from oil, gold, unlimited timber, minerals, the aerospace industry and platinum — the latter 60 per cent of the world's production — makes it a focal economic centre for the 21st century. Yet it has only been "open" for three years.



Zubov is planning to spend £650 million, ten times more than St Petersburg, on uplifting the city's infrastructure, if nominated; primarily a new airport, two large hotels and related roads. Enforced anonymity has restricted the development of modern services in this city to which Lenin was sent in exile by the Tsar in 1903. Lenin was due to go to the frozen north — more familiar to western perceptions of Siberia — but a friendly doctor gave him the necessary poor-health certificate that enabled him to live comfortably in the south until the revolution.

With only three million population, Krasnoyarsk Territory is one of the few areas in the world anxious to increase its numbers, although many Chinese enter illegally. Building a tourist industry is essential for service development. The two-week return journey by Swedish-built ferry on the Yeseni river to the Arctic — only the Amazon pours a greater volume of fresh water into the oceans — is said to be an experience to rival the Rhine.

"The appointment of Krasnoyarsk is most desirable if they can produce the facilities," Smirnov, a vice-president of the International Olympic Committee, said. "There has never been a major sports event here, and the promotion offered by the Goodwill Games could have a powerful effect on promoting this part of Russia."

For all Krasnoyarsk's unfamiliarity, the region has produced a number of prominent Olympic competitors — Svetlana Fedotkina, speed-skating silver medal-winner at Lillehammer this year, Ivan Yarygin, former double gold medal-winner in freestyle wrestling, Elana Naimushina, champion gymnast in 1980. The strength of the city's winter sports facilities might persuade Turner, instead, to consider "Red Hill" as first host for a Goodwill Winter Games, which has caught his fancy. I am not sure about his fellow directors.

Worcestershire build slowly on Lampitt's success

BY JACK BAILEY

WORCESTER (second day of four): Worcestershire, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 81 runs behind Warwickshire

IT WOULD be foolhardy to expect too much. Bordering rivals with a lot to lose or prove, a pitch which does not encourage strokeplay, but which allows the plodder to survive, four days in which to achieve a result, or not to get beaten: all this adds up to the sort of day a bumper crowd at New Road experienced yesterday.

It also added up to an average run rate of about two runs per over. Such giants of slow scoring as Ken (Slasher) Mackay and Trevor Bailey were brought to mind by Curtis and Weston. The lack of urgency which beset the county game in the early Sixties, and nearly did for it, was invoked.

For all that, the crowd seemed contented enough on a sunlit day. It was largely a matter of partisanship. Worcestershire came out of the attrition considerably better than their neighbours and the crowd sensed that this was a match where the contenders for the championship — and everything else for that matter — could trip, stumble and fall on the banks of the Severn.

As Philip Weston, tall, elegant but care-worn and his captain, Tim Curtis, eased Worcestershire along, past their hundred partnership, landmarks, or rather foothills, were reached and passed. Theirs was the first century partnership of the match. Both of them exceeded Warwickshire's highest individual score when they moved into the forties. Furthermore, until Twose was introduced in the 44th over, Warwickshire were on the rack.

Twose injected a ray of hope for the followers of the bear and ragged staff, for twice in his first over Weston was dropped. He hooked at the first ball and skyed to long leg, to where Piper ran from his place behind the stumps and nearly brought off a miraculous catch. The last ball of the same over saw Lara grass a straightforward chance at slip.

So it was that Warwickshire's day continued as indifferently as it had begun. At 129 for 3 overnight, they were reasonably placed, but Worcestershire quickly made further inroads. The third over saw Ostler driving expansively and caught at the wicket; Paul Smith's off stump was sent sailing by the admirable Lampitt, four overs later; and, after Reeve and Penney had added 50 in 20 overs Penney, looking for runs, was picked up at slip.

The most spectacular dismissal of the innings was provided by Welch. He shouldered arms to Lampitt and lost his middle stump. Now that takes some doing. But Lampitt had moved the ball more than anyone in this match. His figures of 4 for 32 off nearly 22 overs did not flatter him.

His final wicket was that of Reeve, leg-before after refusing a long single from the previous ball. By then, though, Reeve had himself reached two personal foothills in his first match back after an absence of four. He had made his hundredth first-class run and, with 33, passed his previous highest score of the season in his tenth innings.

Mullally has better luck to keep title hopes alive

BY SIMON WILDE

TRENT BRIDGE (second day of four): Nottinghamshire, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 176 runs behind Leicestershire

WITH Warwickshire not having things all their own way on the road at Worcester, Leicestershire had every reason for wanting to take control of their match at Trent Bridge yesterday in order to confirm their championship-chasing credentials.

Unfortunately, it did not work out as they would have hoped. They lost their last seven first-innings wickets for 72, and then found Tim Robinson, the Nottinghamshire captain, in no less obdurate a mood than their own bowler had been the previous day.

Robinson's limpet-like qualities need no introduction, but he actually comfortably outscored Pollard during a first-wicket partnership of 91 in 28 overs.

Mullally then brought Leicestershire back into the match by removing each of them within two overs. Pollard miscuing a hook to square leg and Robinson gloving another to the wicket-keeper, before Archer and Parsons dropped another effectively, safely negotiating the remaining 27 overs before stumps. Nottinghamshire finished the day on 145 for two.

Mullally's spell was a lively and significant one, for it has been a frustrating season for the left-arm fast bowler. He began it as a serious contender for an England place, but has spent most of it finding wicks curiously elusive, even on days when he was bowling well.

Before yesterday, he could claim only 18 first-class victims, from 300 overs, and at a cost of nearly 50 runs each. But perhaps the most revealing fact: even for a bowler of his type operating from over the wicket, is that only one of them was bowled.

If Mullally finds it difficult to hit the stumps, then Nottinghamshire, yesterday, did not. Six of the seven wickets they took to finish off the Leicestershire innings — which resumed on 181 for three — were bowled, even if the manner in which they fell varied considerably. The other was leg-before.

Boon, who was at the crease for more than three and a half hours for his 70, played on against Mike, who had Smith leg-before six overs later; Nixon and Wells — who had been dropped by Lewis on 22 — both lost their off stumps to balls from Afford that went straight on; and Pierson was yorked by Mike.

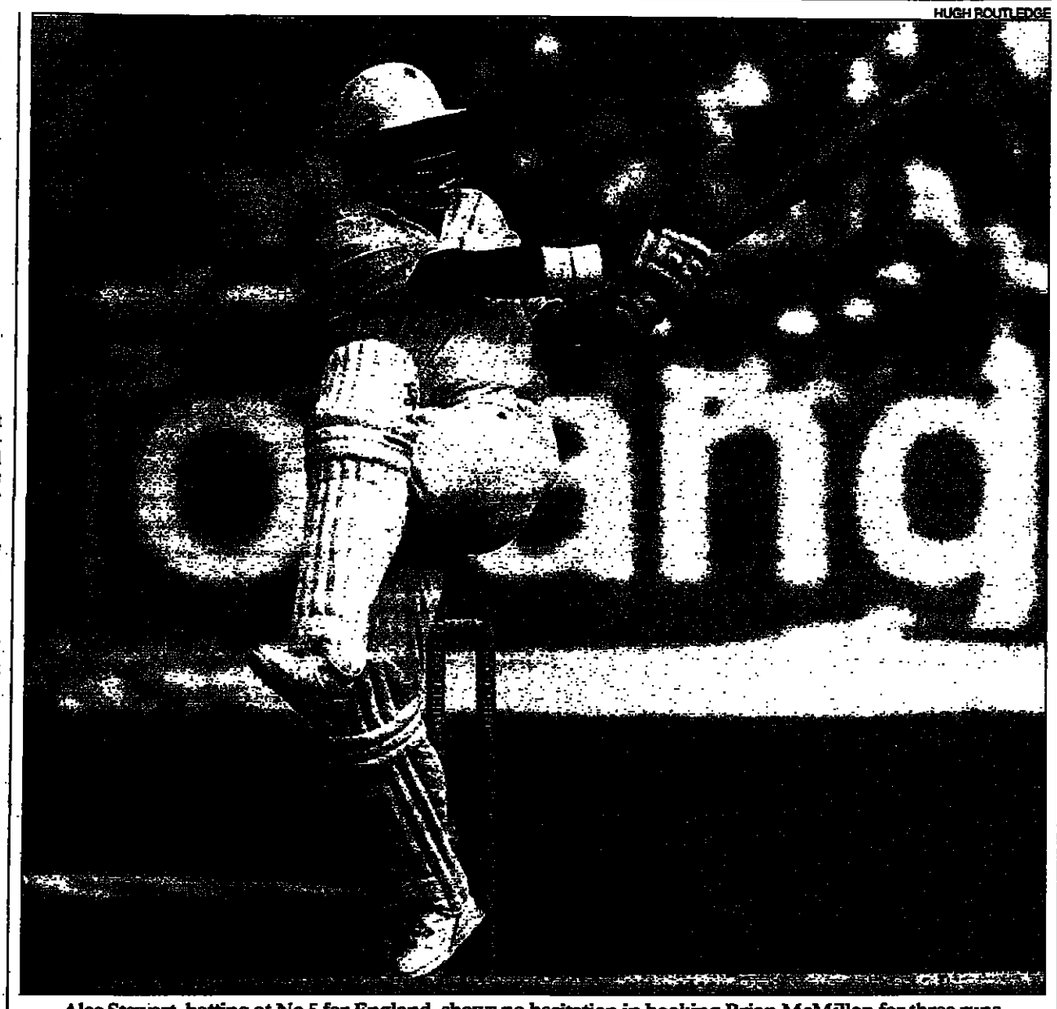
These five wickets fell in 12 overs during the morning session as Leicestershire slid from a commanding 226 for three to 253 for eight, and it required a lively partnership of 61 between Parsons and Millns to assure them of a third batting point. Pick then polished off the innings by knocking back the middle stumps of Millns and Mullally.

Leicestershire, nevertheless, did succeed in extending their first innings beyond 110 overs for the eighth time in 11 championship matches this season.

Afford gave another extraordinary performance with the ball. His first delivery of the day was a full toss — one that was duly dispatched to the boundary — and, for several overs, he appeared to have lost control completely. He was so erratic that it was not easy for the batsmen to punish him.

Then, just as memories of Fred Swarbrook and Keith Medlycott were being conjured up, he started to drop the ball on a length. When he succeeded in taking one wicket, and then another, there was more than a hint of mockery about some of the Nottinghamshire high-fives, and not least from the bowler himself.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Alec Stewart, batting at No 5 for England, shows no hesitation in hooking Brian McMillan for three runs during his determined innings of 89 in the second Test match, at Headingley, yesterday. Report, page 36

Gallian hands out the punishment

BY PAT GIBSON

CHELMSFORD (second day of four): Lancashire, with six first-innings wickets in hand, are 48 runs ahead of Essex

ESSEX started with two black eyes and finished with a bloody nose after Lancashire's Jason Gallian had demonstrated why Australia are so upset that he has decided to be an Englishman.

The black eyes belong to Ronnie Irani, whose shiner is the legacy of a brief encounter with a rugby player in the changing rooms at Uxbridge last week, and Mike Garnham, who needed 16 stitches after being struck by a ball from Peter Martin on Thursday.

Neither of them seemed too concerned as they followed their unbroken sixth-wicket stand of 51 by adding another 40 for the ninth wicket before Irani was caught at first slip for 61. Garnham, batting without a grille but still hooking fearlessly, was then joined by John Childs in a last-wicket stand of 45 which ended when he chanced his arm once too often and skied a catch to square leg.

The bloody nose belonged, metaphorically speaking, to John Stephenson, standing in for Essex as captain, who had chosen to bat first when the ball was swinging only to find that it hardly moved at all for Mark Ilott and Michael Kasprowicz.

His decision was based on the belief that it would turn sooner rather than later and Peter Such was to prove him right by making inroads into the Lancashire batting.

By then, however, Gallian had put Lancashire in full sail towards a healthy first innings lead by making 98 out of 144 for the first wicket. Born in Sydney of Lancastrian parents, he is a former captain of Young Australia who is now eligible to play for England after completing his studies at Oxford. On the evidence he showed yesterday, the young man may well do so.

Well organised in defence and positive in attack, he banished the memory of his eight-hour hundred against Derbyshire a couple of weeks ago with 16 fours, most of them crisp square cuts and clips through mid-wicket in the best Australian way. It was a surprise when he came unstuck against Such, surviving a chance to deep mid-on when he had made 93 and five runs later, checking another on-drive, to be caught by a leaping Stephenson at short mid-wicket.

Such went on to bowl both Nick Speak and Steve Titchard, who made a nonsense of his four-hour vigil for 61 by charging down the pitch to try to hit the off-spinner over the top. Childs had Graham Lloyd caught at slip but Neil Fairbrother consolidated Lancashire's position by completing a thoroughly responsible 50 off 106 balls with eight fours.

Nicholas outshone by Hooper

IVO TENNANT

CANTERBURY (second day of four): Kent, with five first-innings wickets in hand, are 4 runs behind Hampshire

HAVING not scored a first-class century for three years, Mark Nicholas has now made two in a week. There was not the same disdain about this innings as that which Carl Hooper played later in the day, but he will be that much keener to play on for another season as a consequence.

There is a showy side to his character which manifests itself from time to time: reaching his century on Monday was a case in point. Nicholas does not believe emotions have to be bottled up on the field. Yet anybody would have been pleased to take a century off Ambrose and follow that with another in trying conditions. It came off 163 balls and included 14 fours.

This is a sufficiently unpredictable pitch for Hooper to take to wearing a helmet. Some balls, such as the one which Benson proved good enough to touch in the final session, reared alarmingly from the newly laid surface. Nicholas deployed an uppercut over the slips and a pull-cum-tennis smash to good effect.

No play was possible before noon, whereupon Aymes and then Udal stayed long enough for Nicholas to reach his century. Although he gave but one chance, and that an extremely difficult return catch to McCague when on 21, he was fortunate in two respects. A number of edged shots cleared the slips and McCague, like many a fast bowler before him, became carried away.

The faster he bowled, the faster the edges went to the boundary. McCague is not short on pent-up frustration after missing much of the season and he did finish with five wickets, but he has bowled appreciably better than this. Kent should have had Hampshire out for considerably less.

Nicholas was last out, caught behind off Patel, who was not given a bowl until the 81st over of the innings. As the most effective spin bowler in the country, he can justly reckon that, whatever the conditions, this was a swizz.

Kent, like Hampshire, lost a wicket to the first ball of the innings, Ward being taken behind off Connor. Taylor followed, but Hooper was soon batting with great ebullience.

One six off James broke a pane of glass just below the commentary box. Another thudded into an advertising board at square leg. And there were plenty of sweetly timed drives along the ground besides. His fourth century of the season came off just 102 balls with nine fours and two sixes.

Stephenson takes five to keep Sussex on top

FRANKLYN Stephenson, who captured 11 wickets in last week's victory over Surrey, took another five yesterday as Sussex made giant strides towards their sixth win of the season at Northampton (Geoffrey Wheeler writes).

The 35-year-old West Indian all-rounder, who top-scored with 64 in the Sussex first innings of 273, took four wickets in a pre-lunch burst to leave the Northamptonshire innings in ruins at 80 for seven at the interval.

Ten runs were still needed to save the follow-on when the last pair, Andy Roberts and John Hughes came together. They added 30 before Stephenson, who finished with five for 22, was recalled to finish things off. Sussex, 153 for two in their second innings, lead by 282.

There was a two-day finish at Taunton where Durham, having limited Somerset to a lead of 63 — Anderson Cummins taking five for 64 — were right back in the match at 155 for two, only for Andy Caddick (6-51) and Adrian van Troost (4-81) to sweep aside the last eight wickets while 48 runs were scored.

Somerset, needing 140 to win, got the runs in 19.4 overs for the loss of Mark Lathwell, who played a host of brilliant strokes in his 69.

Young American gives stylish glimpse of figure skating's future



Bonaly: overnight leader



DAVID MILLER

At the Goodwill Games

I have just seen the next Katarina Witt. If figure skating is your taste, book early for the world championships, at Birmingham, next March, so that you may feast your eyes on Michelle Kwan, of the United States, 14 last month and with all Witt's self-possession and an extra dash of style.

Kwan, the world junior champion, was on stand-by to replace Tonya Harding at the Olympic Games, and subsequently replaced Nancy Kerrigan when she withdrew from the world championships after winning the gold medal at Lillehammer. Kwan, spectacularly, finished eighth at the championships in Japan, though still aged only 13.

The Goodwill Games in St Petersburg were to have been an out-of-season loosener prior to the winter's first major event, Skate-America, in October. But the opposition here was anything but insignificant and included Surya Bonaly, the technically powerful Frenchwoman, Olga Markova and Maria Butyrskaya, the Russians who were, respectively, third and fourth in the European championships, and Irina Slutskaya, who was third in the world junior event.

Sadly for Kwan, a heavy double fall on jumps early in yesterday's technical programme left her lying sixth behind Bonaly, with too much ground to recover in today's free programme. The talent, however, was unmistakable: luminescent in its grace and line, and with the maturity of someone almost twice her years. She will captivate both judges and audiences in the years ahead.

Her professionalism also showed in her attitude afterwards. Gritted teeth and self-recrimination. "I just tried my hardest on the spins," she said, determined, if possible, to avoid the media attention. She wanted to say little on such a day. Frank Carroll, her coach, who trained Linda Fratiani and Chris Bowman, the former champions, was philosophical. "Sure, she's not happy," he said. "But, in the compulsories, you have to hit everything. If not, you are lost."

Bonaly, skating last, was her usual athletic self, fulfilling all the required techniques and getting an average 5.7 from the seven judges on both technique and presentation, with three 5.8s on the former. Afterwards, she explained that it was not as easy as it looked. Neither of the two pairs of skates she had brought, one old and one new, were satisfactory, and she had not trained for four months. Would she attempt a quadruple jump in the free programme? "I'll just be trying to stand up," she promised. "It's a miracle I stayed up today."

The slim Slutskaya, as soft on the eye as Kwan, set off ambitiously to the accompaniment — appropriately, given the surroundings — of Tchaikovsky's first piano concerto, but she, too, suffered an early fall that left her in eighth place. Markova, slinky in black and gold lamé, looked as if she should have been partnering Gene Kelly, and she deservedly drew sustained applause at the conclusion, finishing a close second behind Bonaly.

Whatever the earlier problems, nobody could complain about the ice yesterday, which, in spite of the continuing heatwave temperatures, met all requirements.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Second day of four

Notts v Leicestershire

TRENT BRIDGE Nottinghamshire, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 173 runs behind Leicestershire

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

P V Simmons c and b Afford 54
*N E Briers b Mike 58
T J Boon b Mike 70
J J Whitaker c Lewis b Evans 11
V J Wells b Afford 32
†P F Smith low b Mike 5
†P A Nixon b Afford 4
G J Parsons not out 37
A R K Pierson b Mike 0
D J Millns b Pick 36
A D Mullally b Pick 0
Extras (lb 9, w 2, nb 10) 21
Total (119.3 overs) 318

FALL OF WICKETS 1-84, 2-144, 3-183, 4-226, 5-240, 6-247, 7-250, 8-253, 9-314

BOWLING: Pick 20-3-2-65-2; Lewis 21-2-67-0; Evans 27-7-66-1, Afford 27-8-62-3, Mike 24-9-50-4

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

P R Pollard c Wells b Mullally 28
*R T Robinson c Nixon b Mullally 55
G F Archer not out 31
J C Adams not out 17
Extras (b 4, lb 4, nb 6) 14
Total (2 wkts, 57 overs) 145

P Johnson, C C Lewis, †W M Noon, K P Evans, G W Mike, R A Pick and J A Afford to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-91, 2-92

BOWLING: Mullally 16-6-31-2; Millns 4-0-22-0; Parsons 11-5-26-0, Pierson 14-4-26-0; Wells 7-2-25-0; Simmons 5-1-7-0

Bonus points Nottinghamshire 4, Leicestershire 3

Umpires: K J Lyons and N T Plews

Essex v Lancashire

CHELMSFORD Lancashire, with six first-innings wickets in hand, are 48 runs ahead of Essex

ESSEX: First Innings

N V Knight c Hegg b Chapple 12
*J P Stephenson c Fairbrother b Austin 20
J J B Lewis c Fairbrother b Martin 4
N Hussain low b Austin 18
N Shahid c Hegg b Chapple 3
R C Irani c Fairbrother b Chapple 61
†M A Garnham c Titchard b Watkinson 47
M S Kasprowicz c Speak b Chapple 1
M C Ilott c Hegg b Martin 0
P M Such b Austin 5
J H Childs not out 24
Extras (b 5, lb 8, w 5, nb 2) 20
Total (73.3 overs) 218

FALL OF WICKETS 1-21, 2-32, 3-48, 4-61, 5-65, 6-116, 7-117, 8-131, 9-171.

BOWLING: Martin 17-4-44-2; Chapple 27-6-86-4, Austin 22-7-57-3; Watkinson 7-3-1-16-1

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

J E R Gallian c Stephenson b Such 98
S P Titchard b Such 61
N J Speak b Such 5
N H Fairbrother not out 60
G D Lloyd c Hussain b Childs 8
I D Austin not out 19
Extras (lb 3, nb 10) 13
Total (4 wkts, 67 overs) 264

*M Watkinson, †W K Hegg, G Yates, P J Martin and G Chapple to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS 1-144, 2-154, 3-213, 4-238

BOWLING: Ilott 17-4-44-0; Kasprowicz 9-1-70-0; Childs 20-5-58-1; Stephenson 13-1-50-0; Such 28-5-39-3

Bonus points: Essex 2, Lancashire 6.

Umpires: G I Burgess and R Palmer

Derbyshire v Gloucs

CHESTERFIELD Derbyshire, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, are 144 runs ahead of Gloucestershire

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings

P D Bowler c Alleyne b Williams 13
A S Rollins c Ball b Cooper 79
C J Adams c Russell b Alleyne 29
T J G O'Gorman c Wright b Dawson 1
*K J Barnett c Alleyne b Williams 28
D G Cork c Russell b Dawson 55
M J Vandrau c Ball b Cooper 2
†K M Krikken low b Cooper 7
A E Warner run out 0
S J Base b Williams 12
D E Malcolm not out 0
Extras (b 1, lb 6, w 1, nb 15) 23
Total (94.3 overs) 247

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23, 2-64, 3-65, 4-117, 5-206, 6-226, 7-226, 8-226, 9-247

BOWLING: Cooper 29-3-12-44-3; Williams 23-3-82-3; Alleyne 16-2-50-1; Dawson 18-6-38-2; Ball 2-2-0-0 Pike 6-3-26-0

Second Innings

P D Bowler low b Ball 43
A S Rollins c Russell b Alleyne 14
C J Adams not out 27
S J Base not out 0
Extras (lb 7, nb 2) 9
Total (2 wkts) 92

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-39, 2-91.

BOWLING: Cooper 6-2-17-0; Williams 7-3-8-0, Alleyne 8-3-24-1; Dawson 4-0-20-0, Ball 8-4-4-1, Pike 5-2-12-0

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

A J Wright low b Malcolm 65
M G N Windows c Krikken b Base 2
T H C Hancock c Adams b Warner 7
R I Dawson low b Base 30
M W Alleyne c Bowler b Malcolm 12
R J Cunliffe c Rollins b Cork 17
R C Russell low b Warner 27
R C Williams c Barnett b Warner 8
M C J Ball c Rollins b Warner 0
V Pike c Krikken b Cork 1
K E Cooper not out 4
Extras (lb 6, nb 16) 22
Total (61 overs) 195

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-46, 3-106, 4-132, 5-132, 6-164, 7-182, 8-184, 9-185

BOWLING: Malcolm 16-1-57-2; Base 15-1-63-2, Cork 15-4-30-2; Warner 15-6-39-4

Bonus points: Derbyshire 5, Gloucestershire 4

Umpires: B J Meyer and J W Holder

Worcs v Warwicks

WORCESTER Worcestershire, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 81 runs behind Warwickshire

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings

A J Moles c Weston b Illingworth 39
R G Twose c and b Lampitt 33
B C Lara c and b Newport 5
D P Ostler c Edwards b Newport 27
T L Penney c sub b Illingworth 30
P A Smith b Lampitt 6
*D A Reeve low b Lampitt 33
†K J Piper c Lampitt b Illingworth 0
N M K Smith c Haynes b Newport 4
G Welch b Lampitt 2
T A Munton not out 0
Extras (b 2, lb 13, nb 16) 31
Total (91.5 overs) 216

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-82, 2-71, 3-124, 4-130, 5-141, 6-193, 7-193, 8-204, 9-211

BOWLING: Radford 23-8-42-0; Moody 9-5-11-0; Newport 23-8-81-3, Lampitt 21.5-7-32-4; Illingworth 12-3-30-3; Haynes 3-1-5-0.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

*T S Curtis not out 61
W P C Weston not out 61
Extras (lb 5, w 2, nb 6) 13
Total (no wkt, 63 overs) 135

A C H Seymour, T M Moody, G R Haynes† E A Leatherdale, S R Lampitt, D L Newport, R K Illingworth, N V Radford and †T Edwards to bat.

BOWLING: Munton 17-6-29-0, Welch 11-1-38-0; Reeve 12-8-11-0, P A Smith 7-2-19-0; N M K Smith 10-1-22-0; Twose 6-0-15-0

Bonus points: Worcestershire 4, Warwickshire 1.

Umpires: J H Harris and A G T Whitehead

Somerset v Durham

TAUNTON Somerset (21pts) beat Durham (4) by nine wickets

DURHAM: First Innings 171

Second Innings

J E Morris c Turner b van Troost 49
M Saxelby c Trump b Caddick 48
W Larkins not out 6
J A Daley b Caddick 37
J I Longley c Rose b Caddick 9
*P Bainbridge c Harden b Caddick 0
†C W Scott b van Troost 8
A C Cummins b van Troost 4
J Wood c Rose b Caddick 0
S J E Brown c Turner b van Troost 1
A Walker c Fletcher b Caddick 7
Extras (b 1, lb 4, w 1, nb 30) 36
Total 203

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-92, 2-127, 3-155, 4-155, 5-166, 6-172, 7-172, 8-173, 9-183.

BOWLING: Caddick 17.4-5-51-6; van Troost 12-0-81-4, Rose 5-1-20-0; Ecclestone 4-0-31-0; Hayhurst 4-0-15-0

SOMERSET: First Innings

M N Lathwell b Cummins 67
I Fletcher b Cummins 8
R J Harden c Longley b Walker 29
N A Folland c Walker b Cummins 9
*A N Hayhurst run out 33
†R J Turner c Scott b Wood 4
G D Rose b Brown 7
S Ecclestone c Bainbridge b Cummins 24
A R Caddick low b Cummins 13
H R J Trump c Scott b Cummins 0
A P van Troost not out 1
Extras (b 8, lb 6, w 1, nb 24) 39
Total (64.2 overs) 234

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-117, 3-131, 4-140, 5-178, 6-192, 7-224, 8-224, 9-233.

BOWLING: Cummins 18-3-64-6; Wood 10.2-2-59-1; Brown 18-2-56-1; Walker 16-3-35-1, Bainbridge 2-0-6-0.

Second Innings

M N Lathwell c Scott b Wood 69
I Fletcher not out 54
R J Harden not out 13
Extras (lb 1, nb 4) 5
Total (1 wkt) 141

FALL OF WICKET: 1-104.

BOWLING: Cummins 5-0-38-0; Brown 4-0-25-0, Wood 6-0-47-1, Walker 3-0-14-0; Bainbridge 1 5-0-6-0

Northamptonshire v Sussex

NORTHAMPTON Sussex, with eight second-innings wickets in hand, are 282 runs ahead of Northamptonshire

SUSSEX: First Innings

N J Lenham c Ambrose b Roberts 42
C W J Athey c Bailey b Curran 42
*A P Wells c Loye b Ambrose 16
M P Speight low b Ambrose 2
C C Remy st Ripley b Roberts 60
†P Moores c Montgomerie b Ambrose 17
F D Stephenson c Penberthy b Hughes 64
P W Jarvis c Montgomerie b Curran 0
I D K Salisbury low b Curran 0
J Lewry not out 6
E S H Giddins b Hughes 9
Extras (b 8, lb 6, w 1) 15
Total (89.4 overs) 273

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-79, 2-105, 3-109, 4-112, 5-147, 6-248, 7-256, 8-256, 9-256.

BOWLING: Ambrose 16-6-31-3, Hughes 21.4-7-66-2; Penberthy 12-3-37-0; Curran 22-6-70-3, Roberts 18-5-55-2

Second Innings

N J Lenham c Ripley b Penberthy 14
C W J Athey c Loye b Curran 20
M P Speight not out 70
*A P Wells not out 38
Extras (b 4, lb 5, nb 2) 11
Total (2 wkts) 153

FALL OF WICKETS 1-35, 2-37

BOWLING: Ambrose 12-7-9-0, Hughes 7-2-30-0; Roberts 15-1-45-0; Curran 11-2-32-1, Penberthy 7-0-22-1; Bailey 2-1-6-0

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

R Montgomerie c Moores b Stephenson 29
R J Warren c Moores b Lewry 0
R J Bailey c Moores b Stephenson 1
*A J Lamb c Giddins b Stephenson 24
M B Loye c Moores b Stephenson 1
K M Curran b Jarvis 1
A L Penberthy c Wells b Giddins 15
†D Ripley b Giddins 7
A R Roberts not out 36
C E L Ambrose b Giddins 4
J G Hughes c Moores b Stephenson 2
Extras (b 5, lb 12, w 1, nb 6) 24
Total (44.1 overs) 144

FALL OF WICKETS 1-2, 2-3, 3-57, 4-86, 5-67, 6-67, 7-80, 8-110, 9-114.

BOWLING: Stephenson 10 1-2-22-5; Lewry 7-0-25-1, Jarvis 15-2-57-1; Giddins 12-4-23-3.

Bonus points Northants 4, Sussex 6

Middlesex v Glamorgan

LORD'S Glamorgan, with two first-innings wickets in hand, are six runs ahead

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

D L Haynes c Shaw b Gibson 20
M A Roseberry c Cottey b Dale 20
*M W Gatting run out 73
M R Ramprakash c Cottey b Parkin 21
J D Carr c Dalton b Barwick 2
†K R Brown c Shaw b Gibson 45
P N Weekes c Hemp b Parkin 7
M A Feltham c Cottey b Gibson 31
J E Emburey c Dalton b Barwick 0
K J Shine not out 14
G A R Harris b Barwick 11
Extras (b 2, lb 7, w 2, nb 12) 23
Total (77.1 overs) 267

BOWLING: Gibson 28-7-82-3; Parkin 12-2-45-2, Dale 11-3-42-1; Barwick 21 1-4-83-3; Phelps 5-1-16-0.

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

*H Morris c Gatting b Feltham 20
D L Hemp b Harris 41
M P Maynard c Emburey b Shine 39
A A Cottey low b Feltham 37
A J Dalton c Shine b Weekes 44
A Dale c Emburey b Feltham 6
O D Gibson b Emburey 70
†A D Shaw not out 1
B S Phelps c and b Weekes 0
S R Barwick not out 1
Extras (b 3, lb 4, w 1, nb 6) 14
Total (8 wkts, 87 overs) 273

FALL OF WICKETS. 1-39, 2-94, 3-126, 4-157, 5-173, 6-282, 7-268, 8-271

BOWLING. Shine 10-4-35-1, Harris 16-3-61-1, Emburey 28-8-69-1, Feltham 16-5-51-3, Weekes 17-2-50-2

Bonus points: Middlesex 5, Glamorgan 6

Kent v Hampshire

CANTERBURY Kent, with five first-innings wickets in hand, are 101 runs behind

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

T C Middleton low b Iggleden 0
V P Terry c Marsh b McCague 25
G W White b McCague 3
R A Smith c Marsh b McCague 69
*M C J Nicholas c Marsh b Patel 106
K D James b Iggleden 4
†N N Aymes b McCague 15
S D Udal b Ealham 22
M Jean-Jacques c Taylor b Fleming 8
C A Connor c Marsh b McCague 14
N G Cowans not out 0
Extras (b 10, lb 13, nb 6) 29
Total (84.5 overs) 296

BOWLING. Iggleden 24-7-64-2; McCague 29-8-89-5, Ealham 23-6-47-1, Fleming 7-1-38-1, Patel 2 5-0-6-1

KENT: First Innings

T R Ward c Aymes b Connor 0
*M R Benson c Aymes b James 18
N R Taylor b Connor 12
C L Hooper not out 119
G R Cowdrey low b James 13
M V Fleming low b Connor 14
M A Ealham not out 13
Extras (lb 3, nb 22) 25
Total (5 wkts, 47.2 overs) 214

BOWLING. Connor 18-3-56-3; Cowans 12-2-31-0; James 12-1-68-2; Jean-Jacques 8-0-52-0; Udal 1-0-9-0

Bonus points Kent 5, Hampshire 4

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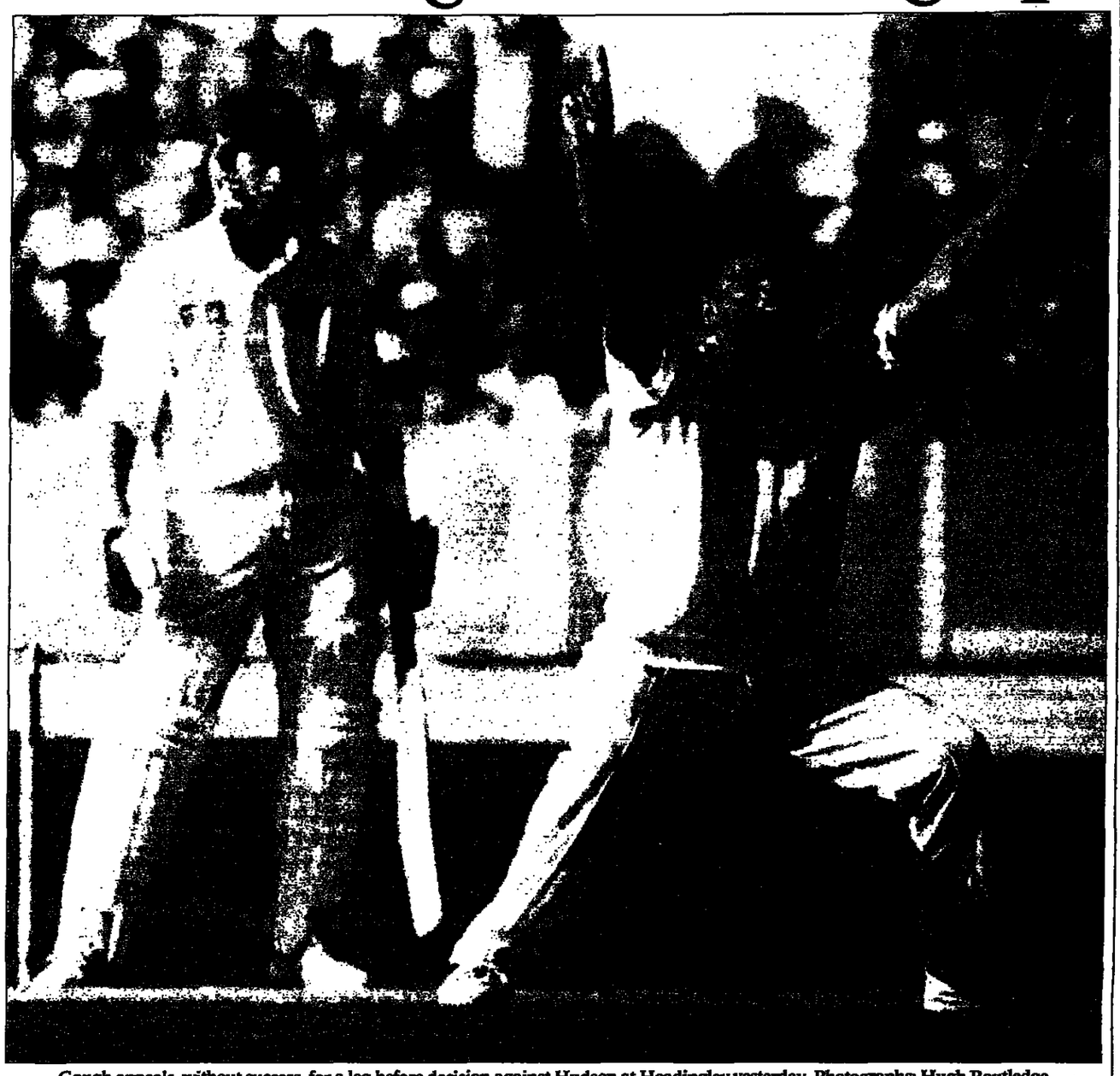
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Declaration leaves South Africa facing uphill struggle

England strengthen their grip

By Alan Lee
Cricket Correspondent

HEADINGLEY (second day of five): South Africa, with nine first-innings wickets standing, are 446 runs behind England



Gough appeals, without success, for a leg-before decision against Hudson at Headingley yesterday. Photographs: Hugh Routledge

UTOPIA, for those from these parts, is the Friday of a Headingley Test with England on top and Yorkshiremen at the helm. It has doubtless happened before, back in the mists of time, but for most of the 19,500 present yesterday it was a novel experience worth noisy celebration. When Darren Gough, Barnsley's favourite son, took a wicket in the day's dying overs, headiness nearly gave way to hysteria.

Less than a fortnight ago, England were taking such a caning at Lord's that South Africa must have imagined they had lost their sense of direction during the long years of isolation and were visiting some minor cricketing nation. Murky events in subsequent days further unsteadied the England ship yet, here they were, pursuing an equalising victory as if it was their entitlement.

Declarations are rare in Test cricket, let alone at Headingley, where the ball tends to do the talking. But after all but two days of batting, Michael Atherton was able to claim the psychological high ground by calling a halt and unleashing his bowlers for nine overs in the evening sunshine. South Africa failed to negotiate them unharmed and England start the third day favoured to square this Cornhill series.

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Inconsistency has been the enemy of the England team for some years and their batting here contrasts so starkly with the spineless efforts at Lord's that it might be not only a different order but a different team. Nobody made a century but there were four scores between 65 and 99 in a total only 28 short of England's best against South Africa on this ground.

The South African seam bowlers did not look the force of a fortnight ago but that was because they were not allowed to be. This was down to good batting more than poor bowling, though the lack of variety in the touring attack was exposed.

It is not, however, a straightforward pitch, which is all to the good of England's cause. The ball is regularly keeping low and Gough, armed with the new ball, also made the odd delivery lift disconcertingly, not least one that accounted for Andrew Hudson and another that David Richardson, the nightwatchman, fended off his chest.

While by no means a minefield, the pitch will get no easier and South Africa must bat well to survive. Atherton's head, which had hung contritely prior to the game, is held high once more and there is a smile on his face, never broader than when he stretched up to hold Hudson's high-velocity edge at third slip. Prior to this evening burst of excitement, the day had proceeded at strictly Test match pace, England scoring 209 runs in more than five hours. It was essential graft, a positioning of the platform, and the crowd showed no signs of impatience if one ignores three juvenile invasions of the pitch.

Headingley Tests on a sunny day such as this present a spectacle of promenading. There seem to be more men in blazers here than on other grounds but also more men without shirts. There are also more clutched pints of foaming ale. It gives the place a singular atmosphere and the antics of the Western Terrace, which have not always been inoffensive, were yesterday good-natured enough for the South Africans, McMillan and de Villiers, to enjoy playacting with them.

Both players deserve credit for retaining their sense of humour, for they each had to bowl close on 40 overs. Both took three wickets but neither swung the ball much and the most effective weapon was McMillan's change of pace. He had dismissed Thorpe with a slower ball on Thursday evening; after lunch yesterday, he produced a quicker ball to dart through Alec Stewart's back-foot defence.

Stewart may have been justifiably miffed by relegation to No 5 but he played as if suited by the freedom the position offers. Some of his strokeplay in the morning session was majestic, his favourite pull in especially fine order. With John Crawley on-driving as delightfully as any young England player of recent years, the fifth wicket added 115. It was not completely unblemished. The pitch would not countenance that. But it was batting of a high order, brought to a halt when Crawley was leg-before to Craig Matthews in the last over of the morning. He had gone a long way across his stumps and was aiming to mid-wicket, a favourite shot though not a wise one at this level. Crawley's future is not in question but here is one flaw he must eliminate.

Stewart was reined in after lunch and, when he fell at 367, the innings might easily have folded. Allan Donald yorked DeFreitas, his one reward for 29 expensive overs, but then, to the delight of the terraces, Gough joined Steven Rhodes, the exiled Yorkshireman, in a stand that piled fatigue and frustration on South Africa's woes.

Gough, the first Yorkshire player since 1981 to appear in a Leeds Test, strutted in as if he owns the ground and blazed Donald for a disrespectful four. Donald glowered at him. Gough has all the mannerisms to infuriate the Australian side this winter and nobody in the England camp should try to restrain him, for his jauntiness is natural and his enthusiasm refreshing. As for Rhodes, his style is altogether more frugal, more earthy Yorkshire.

He may not be the best wicketkeeper in England but he has made a thoroughly good job of batting at No 7. This was his first Test half-century but he has never been out in single figures and, in seven Test innings, has now batted for more than 14 hours. South Africa need some of his intransigence if they are to save this game.

HEADINGLEY SCOREBOARD

ENGLAND: First Innings

G A Gooch c McMillan b de Villiers	23 (45min, 40 balls, 4 fours)
*M A Atherton c and b McMillan	99 (320min, 224 balls, 9 fours, 1 six)
G A Hick c McMillan b de Villiers	25 (89min, 61 balls, 4 fours)
G P Thorpe c Rhodes b McMillan	72 (157min, 112 balls, 13 fours)
A J Stewart b McMillan	89 (228min, 171 balls, 15 fours)
J P Crawley lbw b Matthews	38 (158min, 113 balls, 6 fours)
†S J Rhodes not out	65 (200min, 144 balls, 11 fours)
P A J DeFreitas b Donald	15 (50min, 34 balls, 2 fours)
D Gough run out (G Kirsten-R'son)	27 (75min, 60 balls, 3 fours)
A R C Fraser c Cronje b de Villiers	6 (32min, 18 balls, 1 four)
Extras (b 1, lb 5, nb 12)	18
Total (9 wkts dec, 160.3 overs)	477

P C R Tufnell did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-34 (Atherton 9), 2-84 (Atherton 28), 3-225 (Atherton 93), 4-235 (Stewart 3), 5-350 (Stewart 79), 6-367 (Rhodes 5), 7-394 (Rhodes 16), 8-447 (Rhodes 41), 9-477 (Rhodes 65).

BOWLING: Donald 29-2-135-1 (nb 5; 3-0-18-0, 3-0-12-0, 7-1-35-0, 7-1-30-0, 3-0-13-0, 6-0-27-1); de Villiers 39.3-12-108-3 (nb 8; 2-1-6-0, 6-2-11-1, 5-1-23-1, 4-0-17-0, 8-2-27-0, 8-5-8-0, 6.3-1-16-1); Matthews 39-7-97-1 (7-2-13-0, 5-2-12-0, 6-0-20-0, 8-1-20-0, 4-2-5-1, 6-0-16-0, 3-0-11-0); McMillan 37-12-83-3 (5-3-6-0, 5-0-26-0, 7-3-11-2, 8-2-19-0, 8-2-14-1, 8-2-17-0); Cronje 16-3-38-0 (nb 1; 1-0-4-0, 1-1-0-0, 4-0-7-0, 7-2-11-0, 3-0-16-0).

SOUTH AFRICA: First Innings

A C Hudson c Atherton b Gough	9 (18min, 19 balls, 1 four)
G Kirsten not out	7 (37min, 18 balls)
†D J Richardson not out	13 (18min, 18 balls, 2 fours)
Extras (lb 1, nb 1)	2
Total (1 wkt, 37min, 9 overs)	31

W J Cronje, *K C Wessels, P N Kirsten, J N Rhodes, B M McMillan, C R Matthews, P S de Villiers and A A Donald to bat.

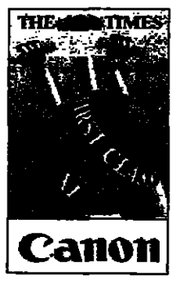
FALL OF WICKET: 1-13 (G Kirsten 3).

BOWLING: Gough 5-0-25-1 (nb 1); DeFreitas 4-1-6-0 (one spell each).

Umpires: S R Dunne and D R Shepherd.
TV replay umpire: J C Balderstone.
Match referee: P J P Burge.

RESULT: First Test (Lord's): South Africa won by 356 runs.

TEST TO COME: Third Test (The Oval): August 18-22.



The Fourth Innings of our cricket game is nearly over. To play, turn to page 32

Steering fault emerges as likely cause of Senna's death

By Oliver Holt

MUCH has passed in Formula One motor racing since the death of Ayrton Senna at Imola three months ago. The Austrian, Karl Wendlinger, sustained and began to recover from serious injuries he suffered in Monaco and Jos Verstappen survived a refuelling fire midway through the German Grand Prix at Hockenheim last weekend.

But yesterday, the horror and poignancy of the accident that killed Senna, the three-times world champion, at the San Marino Grand Prix was jolted from the back of unsuspecting minds once more when the leaked details of a preliminary report into the crash said it was probable Senna was powerless to prevent his Williams-Renault thudding into a concrete wall at 180mph.

The report, which was carried out by two experts from the University of Bologna on the instruction of Italian judicial authorities, concluded that a broken steering column may have caused the Brazilian's accident, according to reports in two French newspapers.

The experts' microscopic examination, which was carried out on June 28, found that the break was not caused by the car's impact on the wall but by a quality flaw or possibly by a lack of thickness in the metal used. The experts, who would have been given access to the remnants of the car which are still impounded at the Imola track, said there was an 85 per cent chance that the breakage caused the accident, according to *L'Equipe*, the sports daily paper.

Informatin quoted Adrian Newey, Williams' chief designer, as saying the diameter of the column had been changed before the race because the Brazilian had complained he could not see his control panel. But the Williams team issued a statement from its headquarters at Didcot, condemning the speculation as "unfounded".

"These reports are not based on the official findings of the technical experts investigating the matter," the statement said. "They have not yet reached any conclusions and have asked the magistrates for a delay until the end of September." Another section of the column has been sent to an Italian aeronautical laboratory for further examination.

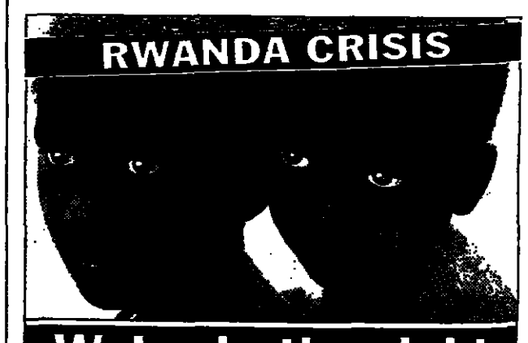
The possibility that the steering broke on Senna's car has been widely postulated since the accident on May 1. His Williams, which was leading the race at the time, veered straight off the track at the Tamburello Curve and the Brazilian appeared powerless to correct his line.

The leaked report also sheds new light on words attributed to Patrick Head, Williams' technical director, in the immediate aftermath of the accident. He was reported as saying that Senna had unexpectedly taken his foot off the accelerator as he entered Tamburello so altering the aerodynamic performance of the car.

At the time, that was interpreted as suggesting driver error may have been to blame for the crash. According to *L'Equipe*, the report says there is still a five per cent possibility Senna may have been at fault. But it now seems he lifted his foot off the accelerator because he realised something was wrong. It also justifies the unshakable faith in the driver shown by the whole sport, which refused as one to believe he could have been at fault.

The Italian Grand Prix, which was thrown into doubt almost from the moment of Senna's crash and whose staging appeared more unlikely in the light of environmental protests about the felling of trees to make the Monza track safer, appeared to have been revived yesterday. The Italian government approved a plan, widely criticised by environmentalists, to widen run-off areas at the track's famous Lesmo curves. It means that only 100 trees will be cut down, some of which will be replanted in the park which surrounds the track where the race is due to take place on September 11.

Ford yesterday announced that it will no longer supply engines to Benetton from next season because of the "bad image" of the team. The announcement follows speculation that Benetton are about to enter a partnership with Renault.



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Luckless Donald still speeds towards greatness



A weary Donald raises his arm to acclaim his only success of the day, DeFreitas bowled for 15



Michael Henderson
At Headingley

Begging Browning's pardon, and he is in no position to quibble, hell hath no fury like a fast bowler scorned. The business of bowling fast has always had something to do with the black arts. Red-blooded young men with a ball in their hands are often gripped by the demons that have haunted guilty kings down the ages.

Allan Donald had every reason to feel possessed in England's first innings, not to mention agrieved. On Thursday evening he bowled with real pace on an unresponsive pitch with the old ball, in turn troubling Atherton, Stewart and Crawley. He was no luckier yesterday until he yorked DeFreitas.

On many a winter night in years to come, curious readers may thumb through *Wisden* and learn that Donald took one for 135, conceding more than four runs an over. They may wonder how so good a bowler could toil so, without significant reward. They will not be alone.

It happens to the best; it happens to the rest. Donald belongs firmly in the first category along with Ambrose, Wasim and Waqar among contemporary bowlers. Over a spell Waqar alone is as fast, or so batsmen say. At 27 he can achieve greatness before the millennium so long as South Africa and Warwickshire observe a proper regard for his fitness.

Fast means fast: there can be no relativism. "Of course, you never played against anyone really fast" a player of the recent past (Simon Hughes) once told David Green. As Green, once of Lancashire and Gloucestershire, used to bat against such milk-and-water trundlers as Trueman, Statham, Hall and Sobers he had plenty to say in reply. Brian Statham, like Frank Tyson, was not a tall man but was wiry and immensely strong.

Trueman, the swarthy collier, represents a more familiar image of a fast bowler. Dennis Lillee wore an appropriately dark appearance, brow like thunder. Donald, by contrast, is fair and given to rueful smiles when a batsman gets the better of him.

He has struggled for rhythm on this tour, although not when he was bowling South Africa to victory in such thrilling style at Lord's. In full flight he is a wonderful sight, particularly from mid-wicket where you get a better impression of the ball's speed. Crawley did not see much of the straight bouncer that glanced off his collarbone.

In his 16 previous Tests, Donald took 71 wickets at 23, an average that Lillee and Michael Holding maintained throughout their Test careers. Before them came Ray Lindwall, the man Trueman called "the king" — "because he is the king of fast bowling".

Whisper it in his presence but Fred was not as fast as Donald. Since Trueman played Test cricket this country has produced only four genuinely fast bowlers — John Snow, Bob Willis, Alan Ward and Devon Malcolm. The fastest man in county cricket this season is a Dutchman, Van Troost of Somerset. He is also the wildest.

Refining raw talent is the trick and Donald has done it. In time, and given more luck than he enjoyed yesterday, he should overtake Hugh Tayfield's South African record of 170 Test wickets. If England had him they would not now be trying so desperately to level this series.

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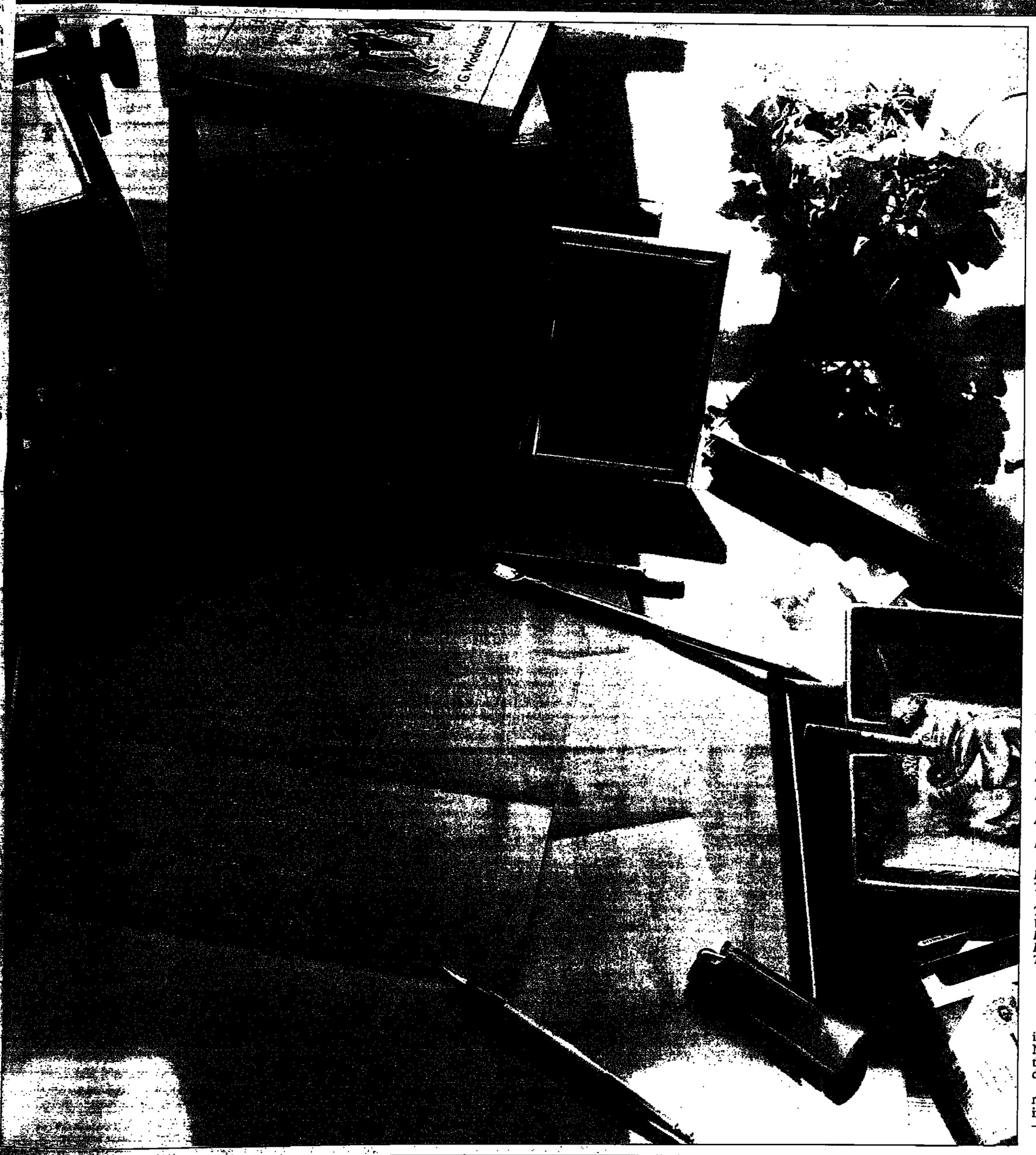
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WEEKEND

THE LOST POEM



By Melvyn Bragg

Ten years ago Richard Burton died. It was front page news. About 30 years ago, when he was as famous as it was possible for an actor to be, he wrote this poem recently discovered by Sally Burton. It is a succinct, and I believe an accurate self-portrait of a man who had hauled himself to the top of the mountain, been shown all the temptations of the world and, with self-destructive audacity, yielded to them. The poem proves, as nothing else could, that from the moment he took the prize Burton was both pitilessly and self-pityingly aware of the price.

PORTRAIT OF A MAN DROWNING

Who can he be
That man alone in the saloon
bar's corner?
Who can he be
That man alone, solitary, musing.
Remembering
What can he be?

The shoulders hunched.
The face pocked, rived and valleyed
With a lifetime's small tragedies.
The slanting mirror on the wall
Emblemed Ind Coope and
Alsop [sic]
Reflecting his receding hair,
His thick shoulders,
His silent simian hirsute hands.

What is, what was the weight
that sloped
Those hunching shoulders.
That man alone, solitary
musing. Thinking
Of what can he be.
Nothing?

Or does he live again the nightmare
Of all the shame he suffered and
made others to suffer,
The torn promise, the shattered
word,
His red hand caught in the
emotional till,
The things he had never done and
never would do now,
Lost lovely things. The hopeless
things long lost,
The hot blush of childhood lies,
Love and hate and fear and love,
again and hate.
And the ultimate terrible
ineluctable wrath of God.
Does he hear the silent howl
of death?

Hunched, solitary, silent.
That man alone in the saloon
bar's corner
That man alone, solitary, musing,
Who can he be?
I lift my eyes from the bitter pint.
I see that man in the mirror.
That man is me.

Richard Burton
November 5th, 1965

Poem © Sally Burton 1994

I have his diary for 1965, the year in which the poem was written. For November 5, the date he put on it, there is no entry. Nor for any other day in November.

His intention to begin to write more consistently and to work out in the diary had fallen away;

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DANCE

John Percival

COPPELIA: The English National Ballet brings back Ronald Hines's production for one week only to end its short London season. Tchaikovsky was an admirer of Delibes's colourful, expressive and melodious score: the plot is freely adapted from one of Hoffman's Tales. The company's stars, Agnes Oaks and Thomas Edur, and also guest ballerina Susan Jaffe, take turns with some of the young hopefuls in the leading roles. Also, today only, there are two final performances of *The Sleeping Beauty*.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800). Until Saturday August 13. Evenings, 7.30pm; matinées, Saturday and Wednesday, 2.30pm. Ⓢ

BALLROOM BLITZ: Among the many free events offered by the South Bank Centre this week, note outdoor performances by six different choreographers today and tomorrow at 2.30 and 4pm. Open rehearsals daily from Monday (times vary) by Matthew Hawkins, leading to performances by his Fresh Dances Group on Friday, August 12, at 1pm and 6.30pm. Also video-viewing and sessions on black dance, Indian dance, ballet and ballroom.
South Bank Centre, various sites in and around the Festival Hall (071-928 3002). Daily, until Sunday August 14. Ⓢ



BILL COOPER

Thomas Edur and Agnes Oaks take the leading roles in Delibes's expressive ballet *Coppélia*

THEATRE

Benedict Nightingale

LE CID: Talk about stress. Corneille's hero, Rodrigo, kills his putative father-in-law in a duel, tries to get his fiancée to kill him, leads Castile to victory against the Moors, and is reconciled by the king with his loved one: and all in 12 hours. Preposterous stuff, but passionate too, and finely acted by Jonathan Kent's cast.
National, Cottesloe, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Wednesday 10 to Saturday 13: evenings, 7.30pm; matinées, Thursday and Saturday, 2.30pm. Continues in repertoire. Ⓢ

RUTHERFORD AND SON: While we are talking Cottesloe, do not forget Katie Mitchell's superb revival of Githa Sowerby's grimly comic portrait of the Edwardian north, with Bob Peck a tyrant willing to sacrifice love, children, everything for his failing business.
National, Cottesloe, South Bank SE1 (071-928 2252). Saturday 6 to Tuesday 9: evenings, 7.30pm; matinée, Saturday, 2.30pm. Ⓢ

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FILMS

Geoff Brown

THE LAST SEDUCTION (18): Director John Dahl consolidates his status as America's keeper of the film noir flame with this splendid, abrasive, amoral tale about a bad girl who gets what she wants — specifically $700,000 — and grinds most men into dust. Linda Fiorentino, voice pitched at an icy whisper, revels in the role of the smart New York cookie hiding out in a one-horse town, where she plots a murder and traps an insurance valuer (Peter Berg) into her arms. Steve Barancik's ingenious script winds its way through so many twists that the simple outcome may prompt disappointment. Otherwise, the sparks fly constantly in a smart entertainment that knows its target and nearly hits the bull's-eye.
Barbican Ⓢ (071-638 8891) **Curzon West End** (071-439 4805) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666)



Bad girl Linda Fiorentino

WE DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT (PG): An ageing bachelor, stamped with that wry, faded twinkle Marcello Mastroianni has made very much his own, falls for the charms of a girl whose dwarfish size must never be mentioned. By rights this should set the teeth on edge, but Argentine director Maria Luisa Bemberg shapes the fable with so much delicacy, love and gentle humour that genuine magic is in the air. Ravishingly shot in pale colours, and beautifully acted by Mastroianni, Luisina Brando and Alejandra Podesta.
Chelsea (071-351 3742/3743) **Curzon Mayfair** (071-465 8865) **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

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OPERA

Rodney Milnes

PETER GRIMES: It is two years since Trevor Nunn's production of Britten's masterpiece was unveiled at Glyndebourne, and John Gunter's disorientatingly wonky designs — neither a true perpendicular nor horizontal to be seen — look far better in the new theatre. It sounds better, too, and with luck Franz Welser-Möst's conducting will pick up speed after a slightly sluggish first night. It is a pity Nunn did not have time to tidy up some rough patches in the staging, but the performance by Anthony Rolfe Johnson, new in the title role, sweeps all reservations aside: wonderfully expressive singing and a burly, smouldering stage presence combine to create the unsettlingly enigmatic protagonist of Britten's imagination. An unmissable interpretation.
Glyndebourne, near Lewes, East Sussex (0273 813813). Saturday 6, Tuesday 9, Friday 12, 5.30pm. Ⓢ

DON GIOVANNI: With Glyndebourne in a near-monopoly situation, choice is limited, so lay siege to the box office for Deborah Warner's new production to find out what all the fuss is about. There is no fuss about Simon Rattle's conducting, which is masterly.
Glyndebourne, near Lewes, East Sussex (0273 813813). Sunday 7, 4.20pm; Wednesday 10, 5.20pm. Ⓢ

CLASSICAL

Richard Morrison

EARLY IN GLASGOW: Every two years Glasgow hosts a fine early music festival. This summer's event (until August 14) is built round three performances of the Purcell/Dryden masque *The Indian Queen*, which will be re-created in the Citizens' Theatre (Thursday 11 to Saturday 13) by the combined orchestral forces of the Scottish Early Music Consort and the Moscow Academy of Ancient Music (the Russians have woken up to period instruments in a big way), and a team of actors and singers. The stage direction is by Kate Brown, who has directed delightful Baroque opera performances in the past. Also in the festival are the medieval ensemble Sinfonye, the French Baroque orchestra Les Musiciens du Louvre, and the brilliant fortepianist Melvyn Tan, directing and playing two Mozart piano concertos.
Glasgow International Early Music Festival. Booking and details: Ticket Centre, Candleriggs (041-227 5511).



Melvyn Tan plays Mozart

PICK OF THE PROMS: There is always excitement when the vast, and vastly talented, National Youth Orchestra appears at the Proms; tonight (Saturday 6) it plays Stravinsky and Ravel orchestral showpieces under Mark Wigglesworth's direction. Tomorrow (Sunday 7, starting at 6pm) comes a three-part tribute to Sir William Glock: the former Proms planner is celebrated with a programme ranging from Renaissance dances to Boulez. Sir Peter Maxwell Davies conducts the world premiere of his Fifth Symphony on Tuesday 9, and, on Friday 12, a late-night Prom offers Indian music from 10pm until 2.15am.
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (071-589 8212). Concerts at 7.30pm, unless stated otherwise. Ⓢ

JAZZ

Clive Davis

BRECON JAZZ 94: Every summer, Brecon's glorious three-day festival sets critics an impossible dilemma: how to give a fair hearing to so many exemplary musicians in the space of one weekend. This year's event should be no exception. If one concert stands out above the rest it is the all-too-rare appearance by the octogenarian saxophonist and arranger Benny Carter (Friday 12) who will be sharing the Market Hall stage with a French septet, Saxomania, and the graceful cornetist Warren Vache. Guitarist Jim Hall will give what amounts to a masterclass in solo, duo and quartet settings on Sunday afternoon, at the same time as trombonist Slide Hampton leads his big band into action a few streets away. One of the latest New York keyboard prodigies, Danilo Perez, brings his exacting brand of Latin jazz to town on Saturday 13, leading a band featuring the Cuban saxophonist Paquito D'Rivera. As for the British-based contingent, take your pick from the Trevor Watts Moire Music Drum Orchestra, mellow saxophonist Andy Hamilton and the promising double act of vocalist Carol Kidd and old favourite Humphrey Lyttelton.
Brecon, Powys. Friday 12 to Sunday 14 (0874 625557).

COMING THROUGH SLAUGHTER: Is there a more enigmatic figure in jazz than the early New Orleans cornet player Buddy Bolden? Supposedly the father of all trumpeters, he left behind no recordings and ended his days in an insane asylum after succumbing to the demon drink. Romantic tales about his musical prowess flourished (the most famous would have us believe that his playing was so powerful it could be heard a dozen miles away). His life, or a version thereof, forms the basis of Michael Ondaatje's fragmented novella, *Coming Through Slaughter*, which has now been adapted as an opera by Mike Westbrook. The piece, scored for string quartet, valve trombone and seven singers, will be conducted by Odaline de la Martinez.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800). Friday 12, 7.45pm. Ⓢ

ROCK

David Sinclair

THE MADSTOCK FESTIVAL: Reputations are often diminished by reunions which fail to build on past achievements (ask the Who or Deep Purple), but Madness made one of the most convincing comebacks of recent times when they played at Finsbury Park exactly two years ago. While the audience was transported by the tightly scripted catalogue of old hits, including "It Must Be Love", "Tomorrow's (Just Another Day)" and "Our House", the earth also moved, quite literally, for nearby residents, who suffered structural damage to their flats caused by sub-sonic bass frequencies generated from the stage. Whether or not the north London nutty boys create another rock 'n' roll earthquake, the return of the original seven-piece line-up to the scene of the crime is sure to be one of the fun events of the summer. Also on the bill are Aswad, the Buzzcocks, Ian Dury and the Blockheads and Credit To The Nation.
Finsbury Park, London N4 (071-284 4111). Saturday 6, 2pm. Tickets: £22.50. Ⓢ

CROPREDY FESTIVAL 94: The annual get-together of England's celebrated folk-rock pioneers, Fairport Convention, and friends has developed into a fully fledged two-day affair with guests this year including Lindisfarne, Roy Harper, Vikki Clayton, Blodwyn Pig and Horch Man. Always a convivial occasion in bucolic surroundings, it cannot be long before the Cropredy Festival wins some kind of heritage award.
Home Farm, Cropredy, Near Banbury, Oxfordshire. For tickets and information write to Woodworm Records, PO Box 37, Banbury, Oxon OX16 8YN; Fax 0869 37142. Friday 12, from 7.15pm; Saturday 13, from 12 noon. Tickets: weekend £34, Saturday only £23 (no Friday only tickets).

ART

Richard Cork

R.B. KITAJ: Kitaj, who was born in the United States, has lived in London since the late 1950s. He coined the notorious and much-debated term "School of London", and is proud to count himself among the clutch of senior figurative painters which embraces Auerbach, Freud and Kossoff. The earliest paintings in Kitaj's Tate retrospective could never have become widely popular: they are dense with allusions, some now explained in captions specially written by the artist himself. But as the show proceeds, Kitaj's work becomes more accessible. A greater degree of representation is coupled with an increasing involvement with Jewish themes. Although the recent work is very uneven, Kitaj continues to work with vigour.
Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 Ⓢ (071-887 8000), until September 4; recent paintings at **Marlborough Fine Art**, 6 Albemarle Street, London W1 (071-629 5161), until August 20; *Kitaj Print Retrospective* at the V & A, Cromwell Road, London SW7 Ⓢ (071-938 8500), until October 9.

FRIEDRICH TO HODLER: Britain's continuing love affair with the Impressionists means that we have neglected German art of the 19th century. Even Caspar David Friedrich, the greatest Romantic painter produced by Germany, is sparsely represented in our museums. So the National Gallery's survey, borrowed from the Oskar Reinhart Foundation in Winterthur, is very welcome.
National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (071-839 3321), until September 4. Ⓢ

MUSEUMS

John Russell Taylor

ARNE JACOBSEN, DESIGNER: Most people's idea of a "modern" interior visually hovers somewhere round the 1950s, with free-form furniture, spindly but moulded to the body, and the sort of angled lamp, glass and tableware that proclaimed themselves Scandinavian at 50 paces. Like as not, whatever comes first to mind in this context was designed by Arne Jacobsen (1902-1971). His architectural work ranges from a 1929 circular House of the Future to the monumental slab of Copenhagen's Royal Hotel. But who can forget the "Ant" chair as draped over by a nude Christine Keeler?
Design Museum, Butler's Wharf, Shad Thames, London SE1 (071-403 6933). Monday-Friday, 11.30am-6pm; Saturday-Sunday, 12 noon-6pm, until October 2. Ⓢ

EDGAR HOLLOWAY AT 80: Among British artists there are few who have recorded their own image as obsessively as Rembrandt, Beckmann or Dix. One who has is Edgar Holloway, who turned 80 in May and is the subject, in consequence, of an impressive touring exhibition, unfortunately not scheduled for a London showing. Holloway first became known during the great revival of printmaking in the 1920s, and owes most of the fame he has enjoyed to his edgings, engravings and woodcuts, many of which record the urban and industrial scenes of his life or evoke visionary landscapes suggestive of early Sutherland or Robin Tanner. And then there is the great series of self-portraits which show the transformations of Holloway, from 17 to 70.
Abbot Hall Art Gallery and Museum, Kendal, Cumbria (0539 722464). Monday-Saturday, 10.30am-5pm; Sunday, 2-5pm, until September 4. Ⓢ

CHILDREN

AVON

International Balloon Fiesta: More than 150 balloon teams, flying at 6.30am and 6.30pm. The Red Arrows will also be taking part.
Ashton Court Estate, Bristol (0272 537505). Today and tomorrow. £2 per car.

CAMBRIDGE

Workshops for Children: Put on a show for family and friends with dance and drama on subjects from tiddlywinks to fashion and holidays: and learn circus skills.
Cambridge Drama Centre, Covent Garden, Mill Road (0223 322748). Monday to Friday, 10am-4pm. Various ages. Tickets £10.50.

CHESHIRE

The Wonderful Adventures of Alice: A walkabout production of Lewis Carroll's story. Be prepared to walk two miles.
Heaton Park, Manchester (061-236 7110). Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 13, 7pm; Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 1pm. Tickets: adult from £6.50, child from £3.50.

CLEVELAND

August Antics: Family Fun Day with a dog display team, magician and Rupert Bear.
Ormesby Hall, Ludgate Lane, Ormesby, Middlesbrough (0642 324188). Tomorrow, 2pm-5.30pm. Admission: house and garden, adults £2, child free; garden only, adults 90p, child free. Ⓢ

KENT

Daredevil Day: See a range of thrilling stunt shows in the air and on the ground.
Whitbread Hop Farm, Beltring, Paddock Wood, Tonbridge (0622 872068). Tomorrow 10am-6pm. Admission: adults £4.95, child £3. Ⓢ

LONDON

Story Trail: A promenade adventure of tales from around the world told by storytellers, dancers and musicians. All ages.
Commonwealth Institute, Kensington High Street, W8 (071-603 4535). Today and tomorrow, Tuesday-Sunday throughout August, 11am-12.30pm (not Sundays) and 2.30pm-4pm. Tickets £3.

MERSEY

Superbike: An exhibition on the LotusSport Olympic gold medal bicycle used by Chris Boardman, and the museum's own collection of 19th-century "superbikes". You can also design your own bicycle and test it on an interactive computer.
Liverpool Museum, William Brown Street, Liverpool (051-207 0001). Monday-Saturday, 10am-5pm, Sunday 12-5pm, until September 18. Free. Ⓢ

NORTH YORKSHIRE

Summer Activities: Learn to rock climb, abseil, orienteer, sail, make and fly a kite or go fossil-hunting.
The Moors Centre, Danby Lodge, Lodge Lane, Danby, Whitby (0287 660540). Various events for different ages throughout August. Booking essential; prices vary.

WALES

Cardiff Summer Festival: Including the Cardiff International Festival of Street Entertainment, when performers from around the world will animate the city centre, Monday-Friday; **Hayes Alive:** free open-air music on Hayes Island every evening from today until Friday night; **Mas '94**, a community carnival and parade, tomorrow, 2.30-10.30pm; and Cardiff's **Big Weekend**, Saturday 13 and Sunday 14.
Cardiff Summer Festival (0222 751235).



Is it a bird or a man?

WEST SUSSEX

International Birdman Rally: Various activities, including about 70 people trying to fly from the pier.
The Pier, Esplanade, Bognor Regis (0243 842454). Today and tomorrow. Jumping will start at 11am on Sunday.

HEATHER ALSTON

Ruth Gledhill rejoices in the *Book of Common Prayer* at Lullingstone Castle

AT YOUR SERVICE



EVENSONG according to the rite of the *1662 Book of Common Prayer* was the perfect end to a day spent sitting beside a lake drinking tea in the landscaped grounds of Lullingstone Castle. Earlier we had discussed whether or not the language of the 1980 *Alternative Service Book* is, as many think it is, inept, unmusical and generally unloved. We were there for the annual "day of celebration of the *Book of Common Prayer*", organised by the Rochester diocese branch.

Guest of honour was the author Baroness James, better known as P.D. James, whose new book, *Original Sin*, featuring detective Adam Dalgliesh, is being published in October. Her legions of fans in the Church of England include the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey. Before the service, she and others debated keenly the recent decision by the church's general synod to endorse a new compromise package that will see traditional texts from the Prayer Book mixed with modern texts in one service. Baroness James has loved the Prayer Book since infancy, and her moving address before our service began was filled with regret at its decline in some sections of the church.

"The Prayer Book still lives, believe you me, because of the work of the Prayer Book Society and because of the love and dedication of those of you who keep it alive in your communities," she said.

The society has no central membership records, but every one of the 42 dioceses in England has a branch. Baroness James said: "For every member, we have a hundred or more people in the community who miss the Prayer Book and would love it to be used again. Many, I am afraid, no longer go to church because they feel so alienated from what is going on."

She described how she would read it at her local church in Oxford as a child. "It has probably been the strongest influence on me as a writer," she said. "How I grieve when I think nowadays of our young people going up to university to read English who have no knowledge whatever of the *Book of Common Prayer*, which runs like a golden thread through our literature, our culture and our religious life." She argued that it was "generally accepted to be the most remarkable and beautiful of all church liturgies".

Margot Thompson, the society's secretary, said the Prayer Book was once more becoming fashionable among the young. "We are hearing that when young people go to college and encounter it, they like it very much indeed," she said. "It is becoming part of adolescent rebellion to come back to the Prayer Book."

St Botolph's is a parish church, although it stands in the grounds of Lullingstone Castle, owned by the Hart Dyke family. It is without an incumbent at present, and our packed service was taken by Canon Henry Burgess, aged 86, former educational officer in the diocese of Sheffield, who processed solemnly up the aisle on his walking stick to address us with an opening sentence from scripture from the lectern. "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us," he said. Most of the congregation knew Cranmer's liturgy by heart, and it seemed a matter of pride for members of the congregation not to glance at their books.

TONY WHITE



Guy Hart Dyke outside the parish church of St Botolph's

We said the magnificent confession: "We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep", with seriously loud voices. There was a great deal of talk about sin, but with my view through the church porch over the lake, banked by deciduous trees, I left feeling far more in touch with salvation.

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The Prayer Book Society at St Botolph's, Lullingstone Castle, Eynsford, Kent, DA4 0JA (081-958 8769).

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ARCHITECTURE: Norman church, the nave restored in the Decorated style of the 14th century, with a beautifully-carved Flemish rood screen bearing the Tudor rose and the pomegranate of Katherine of Aragon. ★★★

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ADDRESS: "Why does it take 100 Anglicans to change a light bulb?" asked the author Baroness (P.D.) James, a vice-president of the society. "The answer is, it only takes one to change the bulb, but it takes 99 to stand around and say how much they preferred the old one." ★★★★

LITURGY: A family castle, where the owners give guided tours to the public, was the perfect setting to place the incomparable language of the 1662 *Book of Common Prayer* in a context at once both ancient and modern. ★★★★★

MUSIC: Sadly, this was evensong without a choir. The one-manual pipe organ, played by Brian Shilling, struggled gamely to cope with the demands made on it. ★

AFTER-SERVICE CARE: Shambolic tea, redeemed only by the excellent scones and fresh cream, served outside the castle walls before our service. ★★★

SPIRITUAL HIGH: All sense of self was lost in the intricate grace of the liturgy. ★★★★

'The love pact of all time was turning into mutual destruction'



"I am George," he declared of the part he played opposite Taylor's devastating Martha in *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*



THE KOBAL COLLECTION

Their marriage, made around *Cleopatra*, aspired to a Shakespearean variety and vastness in its battles and tempests

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nothing unusual there. Nothing remarkable either about the care and style in which the perfectly ordinary French diary was expensively bound in leather with the initials RB rather coyly planted in the bottom right-hand corner. Many have set out on the journey to daily record with a comparable flourish.

What is interesting is that Burton always believed that the truth rested in the written word and here when he wanted to tell the truth to himself — for the poem, as far as I can discover has not been seen or read before — he chose poetry. Above all else he would have loved to have been a poet. The next best thing was reading or reciting or, if he had to, acting it. And in Burton's world the essence of poetry was the truth it carried.

Yet one of the paradoxical aspects here is for Burton to expect us to believe that the anecdotal element in the poem could have happened to him at this time. He was one of the very few men in the world whose face and fame would have totally debarred him from the emotional indulgence of sitting silent, "alone in the saloon bar's corner". The previous year he had married Elizabeth Taylor and taken her onto the New York stage where his Hamlet was breaking all known records for a Shakespeare on Broadway.

To an ovation-crazed public he announced: "I say we will have no more marriages." It was a marriage made around *Cleopatra*, announced after *Hamlet*, publicly displayed in, among other films, *The Taming of the Shrew*, and forever aspiring to a Shakespearean variety and vastness in its battles and tempests, its addresses to nations, its rich-as-revenges and multiple comedies of errors. The marriage compounded the fascination of a couple already the most paparazzi-prone in the Western world — a couple who had dared to break faith with family, children, film contracts and a marriage bond at a time when all these saw themselves set in sacred cement.

Burton and Taylor were trailblazers back in the 1960s, setting comets doing it their way, not giving a damn and cheered along all the way for their boldness, fattened up by a public which loved to feast off them. Burton would have been mobbed in a pub, even a London pub and he was most likely in London, staying at that favourite pub of his, The Dorchester, when he wrote this. A few months before, 3,000 "fans" had mauled them both at Boston airport although they had tried to conceal their travel arrangements.

So he was either remembering a man he had been — although Burton had never been notorious for his silences in pubs since the age of 18; or he was imagining the man he thought he really was. The latter, I think, and the key point is that he "sees" himself as it were acting a part even when he is dealing sincerely in what he saw as his "real" state of mind. It is both dramatic and self-dramatising and it shows more clearly than anything else that even in that early stage in his marriage he realised that he had indeed made a Faustian bargain — he could have everything, but the penalty would be that he would have to watch himself act all the time. Probably, of his talents, acting was the one he most despised. Even this most intimate message in verse, not waving but drowning, had to be acted out. A little scene had to be set.

Acting all the time whatever they do could be said to be an actor's occupational hazard. In Burton's case perhaps one could argue the difference was merely a case of degree. After the Taylor marriage he had all the world for a stage. There was no one who did not want to meet him and no one he could not get to if he wished to. At first the private man fed the public actor richly whether in *Hamlet* or *Beckett* or *The Night of the Iguana*, *The Spy Who Came In From the Cold* and *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*; performances ranging from good to outstanding. But the latter play was the bridge too far. George and Martha did for him. "I am George," he declared of the part he played opposite Elizabeth Taylor's devastating Martha and, subtly encouraged by Mike Nicholls, he poured his life into the part of a weak, drunk, vindictive, impotent failure forever shackled to a despised and despising sluttish, foul-mouthed wife equal in every respect including failure. Burton not only gobbled up the part and was gobbled up by it but in my opinion he further exhausted himself by totally underpinning Elizabeth Taylor's Oscar-winning performance. His rhythm and charge in the lines is constantly supporting and highlighting her dialogue. He gives it to her on that film in many ways. I think he knew what he had done. It was after the film that he wrote this poem.

Elizabeth too was battered by the experience. Required by the script to spit in his face, she had been called on by Nicholls to do take after take until she had broken down. There were times when Burton would not come out of his dressing room to enter the arena or the bullring. For reasons known only to themselves these two, who had megaphoned their undying, unstinted love-sex-glamour-rapture to the world, wanted the world to look at the dirty underbelly. Perhaps they wanted not only to dish the dirt at each other but to throw the stuff into the eyes of a public which they had allowed to trap them in its relentless curiosity. But the film only increased the curiosity.

Something had happened. The love pact of all time and for all time was turning into an essay in mutual destruction which Elizabeth Taylor by background and upbringing and Burton by instinct and inclination were determined to play out on the largest possible stage. Nine years later when the marriage split up for the first time, Taylor was to say, "I got sick of playing Martha".

Burton was so often bored with the other type of acting. No intelligent film actor ever denies the mind-flattening dullness of hanging around for 12 hours to do a minute's work.

As for the stage Burton, like so many others, had no appetite for its nightly repetition. Once he had cracked the character and as it were solved the problem he wanted to move on. When he did not have to do stage work for the prestige or the livelihood, it was hard to lure him back; Shakespeare, whom he could be said to worship, could draw him back onto the boards; so could *Camelot* and cash. For Rich was his pet name from childhood and Rich as well as so much else he wanted to try out for size. The bigger the better. The world with himself having front page billing was a much more dangerous role, taking him up where he had never been. But the childhood was always greedily there, dragging him down. Its physical marks in "the face pocked, rived and valleyed", "those

> Of all Burton's talents, acting was probably the one that he most despised

hunching shoulders" betraying spinal trouble he rarely mentioned but which gave him such scarcely endurable pain in the last years. And of course "his red hand caught in the emotional till". Even the old-fashioned childhood type of marriage to Sybil degenerated into compulsive philandering and then was ripped apart, beaching not only a wife but two small girls, one of whom was severely handicapped.

Of what can he be.
Nothing?

"He was the loneliest man I had met," said Mike Nicholls after *Virginia Woolf*.

There is self-knowledge in the poem. "That man alone, solitary ..." was always the 13th child of an alcoholic father and a mother who died when he was two years old. A boy who was shepherded along by older brothers and sisters in straitened circumstances and plucked from them to be reinvented by a benign but severe school teacher who saw that Richard Jenkins could achieve all that he, Philip Burton, had ever dreamed of. And through the magic of Philip's punitive regime this boy, who had left school and threatened to become a delinquent, was up at Oxford a couple of years later, full of swagger and devilry. "One of the two geniuses I have taught," said the English don Neville Coghill: W. H. Auden was the other. And then, in one bound, he was a West End star, and Old Vic star, laying siege to Hollywood, unafraid to try again and again.

The things he had never
done and never would do
do now.
Lost, lovely things ...

Lost, and not difficult to understand the reasons why, but always there ready to swallow him down. What sort of past had he really had? What had happened to him in his childhood had simply been taken over. There is no going home. And so Richard Burton turned increasingly to satisfy his ambitions as an actor to the public stage and the character nearest to hand, his own. Looking in the mirror, watching every move, wondering where he had come from, where it had all gone, and yet knowing that he was in some trap which could be quite breathtakingly exhilarating as well as destructive, the trap which led him to tease and sometimes torture.

That man alone in the
saloon bar's corner?
Who can he be

His next destination after the poem was to mount a production of *Doctor Faustus* with Elizabeth Taylor as Helen of Troy.

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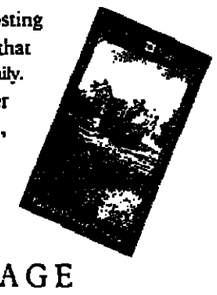


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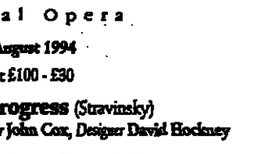
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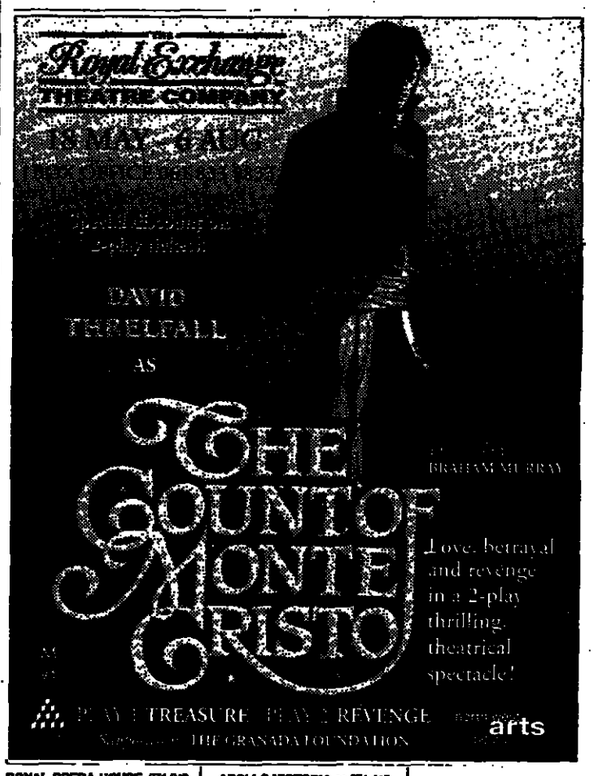
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WEEK IN THE ARTS



RICHARD MORRISON

Here is a good, depressing question for a merry August morning. What on earth are we going to do about Britain's crumbling, tacky and mostly penniless seaside resorts?

Don't get me wrong. I love the places, even in their distress. I love the bracing climatic uncertainty, the eccentric facades, the vinegar-stained promenades, the gaudy arcades and giddy rides, the brave, battered beach cafés and the even braver, battered people who keep them going.

But many of our most famous resorts are dying, for reasons we all know very well. We can sit back and watch it happen, as we have been doing since the dreaded name of Benidorm first passed into British consciousness, perhaps in the early 1960s. Or we can attempt to make our seaside attractive again both for tourists and for the people who live there.

I prefer the latter option. Call me a naive romantic. But the fact is that our resorts incorporate much of our national heritage, even of our national character. Consider not only their splendidly flamboyant turn-of-the-century architecture, but also the whole tradition of popular entertainment nurtured on the piers and proms — from postcard and one-armed bandit to variety show and carousel.

In its unpretentious way this is as much a part of British cultural history as, say, the London Symphony Orchestra or the Turners in the Tate. And if we can make such strenuous efforts to turn disused quarries and mills into "heritage museums" that attract thousands of visitors each year, why are we so slow to stem the decline of the seaside? Particularly when so many resorts are in areas of chronic unemployment.

These thoughts are not original, of course. Heaven forbid! Last August the English Tourist Board published a report called — perhaps a little optimistically — *Turning the Tide*. It suggested how the enlightened restoration of one seaside resort (Weston-super-Mare) could provide a model for local authorities elsewhere.

The report received a mixed press, to put it mildly. "Platitudinous" was the adjective employed by *The Times*. But what seems boring and obvious to journalists has a way of proving obstinately difficult to bring about in real life. A year on, there are hopeful signs — but not many. Brighton is restoring its wonderful promenade arches to their Edwardian majesty. Blackpool toasted its Tower's centenary by gilding that magnificent landmark. And little Cromer, on the raw Norfolk coast, has promptly rebuilt the pier that was sliced in two by a runaway rig.

But elsewhere, inertia and indifference reign. Some resorts are rusting into ghost-towns. Many of those glorious Victorian piers — triumphant celebrations of cast-iron — stand like beached wrecks. The West Pier at Brighton is only the most famous example. More than a hundred great piers existed once. Now there are barely 50, and the National Piers Society reckons that eight of those are in imminent danger of collapse. The society has a plan to make 1996 the Year of the Pier. But will there be so much as a supercilious smirk of official encouragement for this jolly notion?

Now, with the National Lottery, it suddenly seems as if new money might be available for cultural projects. So far we have been dazzled by grandiose pipe-dreams for using lottery money to build opera houses, museums and other culture palaces in cities that, by and large, have plenty already.

I don't scorn these ideas. But why not also polish up our coastal jewels? Restore the piers, and the pride, to the resorts. Clear away the concrete clutter and put some sparkle and sauciness back into the seaside. A little money, well spent, would go a long way. So after our elected representatives have refreshed their weary minds and bodies on the *Côte* this and the *Costa del* that, perhaps they should turn their attention to the squalor on their own shores.

Suffering from sleepless nights? Then you will certainly be stumbling into a record shop next week, when Warner Classics releases *Classic Sleepies*: "the most eye-closing record of the year". Now that's what I call honest advertising.

This was the label that gave us the bizarre chart-topper called Gorecki's Third Symphony. Presumably that dirge was the most eye-closing record of *last* year. Now they have dug out 72 minutes of classical music that they reckon has "snooze factor" *in excelsis*. "It's a new kind of rock record," says Bill Holland of Warner Classics. "The rock-the-cradle sort."

Strangely, seven of the 16 items are by Mozart, which seems unduly harsh on the poor fellow. Has nobody at Warner Classics ever heard any Gregorian chant? Have they not struggled to prop up the old eyelids during a Telemann trio sonata? And dare I mention *Parsifal*, or will the mere name cause you to nod off and hit your head on the kitchen table?

I wonder, incidentally, what the eminent performers featured on *Classic Sleepies* think of the project. On the plus side, the recording could become a lucrative hit. On the down side, this will confirm that their artistry is, well, a bit of a yawn. A tough dilemma. But I understand that our near-bankrupt British orchestras are already making their performances less exciting in the hope of being included in the sequel.



Henry Goodman, Margot Leicester and Ken Stott in David Thacker's production of Miller's *Broken Glass*

THEATRE: The British premiere of Arthur Miller's latest play

Smashed certainties

Broken Glass
Lyttelton

Arthur Miller has always been fascinated by the private impact of the great public catastrophes he has witnessed or experienced in what is now a 78-year lifetime: the Holocaust in *After the Fall* and *Playing for Time*; the McCarthyite persecutions and HUAC hearings in *After the Fall* and, more obliquely, *The Crucible*; the Depression in *The American Clock*, *The Price* and several other plays.

Do people retain integrity and some sense of responsibility when the going escalates from the tough to the dangerous to the impossible? Or do they fall apart, as both his father and mother did when the Crash swept away their family fortunes?

It is this sort of personal concern that gives what might otherwise be rather cold, earnest, moralising dramas their dramatic energy; and this concern is at work again in *Broken Glass*, which is set in Miller's home borough of Brooklyn just after Kristallnacht. A seemingly serene Jewish wife suddenly loses the use of her legs, and the diagnosis is that her paralysis is psychosomatic. Could the affliction have something to do with the stories she obsessively reads in the papers, of laughing Nazis beating up children or forcing old men to clean streets with toothbrushes, or could the cause be nearer home?

Shelagh Keegan's set is oddly dreamlike. The stage becomes a sloping equilateral triangle, with dying trees on one side, high panes of glass on the other, and, at the apex, a cellist who grinds mournfully away between scenes. But David Thacker's cast is wide awake throughout. You are never for a moment in doubt that issues of real moment — and, as Miller himself has pointed out, genocide is not exactly a superannuated activity — are being fought out.

Margot Leicester brings a mix of confusion and fatalism, pain and exhaustion, to the role of Sylvia Gellburg, isolated as she is both in her bed and in her political anxieties. Why will nobody, not even the sensitive doctor treating her, share her sense of forboding about what is happening in Germany? Miller proceeds to burrow into her psyche as best he can, but, as so often in his work, it is the man that really interests him — and, as it turns out, the man who is the prime cause of her woes.

The problem with Henry Goodman's Philip Gellburg was that of many, Jews and Gentiles, in the late 1930s. As Miller's autobiography *Timebends* laments, they simply would not face up to the ills unfolding in Europe or see that they had any personal stake in its consequences. For Philip, the German Jews are snobs and nuisances and 3,500 miles away. In any case, why provoke anti-Semitism in America by making a fuss on their behalf? His solution is to put his son through West Point, suck up to his patronising and mistrustful Wasp boss, and deny his identity by every means he can. In its dim, unwitting way this is complicity with evil, and it has driven Sylvia half-mad.

The play has its weaknesses. Miller sometimes comes across as a bit of a bathtub psychologist, especially when he is analysing the couple's sexual troubles. And in spite of Ken Stott's amiably rumpled performance, the omnipresent doctor is an unsatisfactory character, too obviously on-stage to listen understandingly, nod in a sage sort of way, and tell Philip to renounce self-hatred, "forgive yourself", and so on. But the play's centre holds, thanks both to Miller's passion for his theme and to yet another fine performance from Goodman.

He wears black throughout, as if in mourning for his life, and comes across as pretty grim and doleful too. But beneath the bleakness there is an awful insecurity, beneath the harshness a craving for love, and beneath the bluster the knowledge that he has done much to waste two lives. You won't see a more sympathetic yet less sentimental piece of characterisation anywhere in London.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

All politics, no romance for *Antony and Cleopatra* at the Salzburg Festival

Stein way hits the wrong note

Peter Stein's four-hour *Antony and Cleopatra*, staged for the Salzburg Festival as the last in a trilogy of Shakespeare's Roman plays, lacks the reckless sexuality the play demands. Although Edith Clever's Cleopatra and Hans Michael Rehberg's Antony are playfully affectionate, their relationship never seems erotic. Partly this is because both look too old. Antony's beard is white. Cleopatra's "salad days" are behind her, we know, but Clever has tucked in much of the main course as well.

Without a credible love story, politics take precedence. Here the production offers compensations. Away from Cleopatra, Rehberg's Antony is decisive, canny and robust — if this is how the queen first saw him, power may be his sexual attraction. But he is vulnerable, too. He sways visibly at the shock at Fulvia's death, and weeps on Eros's shoulder at news of Cleopatra's death.

Athletically, he is superior to Michael Maertens's stiff Octavius. In Antony's iron embrace, the slightly nerdy Octavius clearly has second thoughts about his wish to be bound by a hoop to "hold us staunch from edge to edge o' the world".

Maertens's Caesar clings needily and weepily to his sister, suggesting he may have the genes of Nero and Caligula, and he's given to bouts of *Sturm und Drang*. But is he his own man? The whispered cues of Agrippa (Michael Mendl) as Octavius catalogues his complaints to Antony suggest not — or not yet.

Stein's direction is a mixed bag. Some physical details are just right. Carsten Voigt's superb Eros is first glimpsed slicing the air with his sword, like a schoolboy. By the last time he draws his sword, he has hardened into a man, whose admiration for Antony combines filial affection with professional respect.

Branko Samarovski's Enobarbus, too, is solid and soldierly. His speech on Cleopatra's barge, spoken thrillingly, was helped by a sudden wind, which sent the white cloth over the open stage billowing like a sail.

But Stein's grasp of class and station is particularly shaky. It seems inappropriate for the younger Enobarbus to stroke Antony's beard at news of Fulvia's death.

And surely, when the Clown delivers the asp, he ought not to tickle Cleopatra? After Thidias has been whipped for merely kissing her hand, after Götz Schubert's painfully lovesick Dolabella kneels and lays his head on her divan, at the moment of Cleopatra's tragic height, her majesty should be recognised.

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GREAT BRITISH HOPES

Rising stars in the arts firmament

RUPERT WALTERS

Profession: Screenwriter
Age: 34
Where encountered: In the Welsh town of Caerphilly at the medieval castle of the same name. It's there that American director Michael Hoffman is filming his screen adaptation of *Restoration*, the Rose Tremain novel set in 17th-century London. In his shorts and white socks, Walters often resembles an extra from *Brideshead Revisited* — which, in fact, he was.

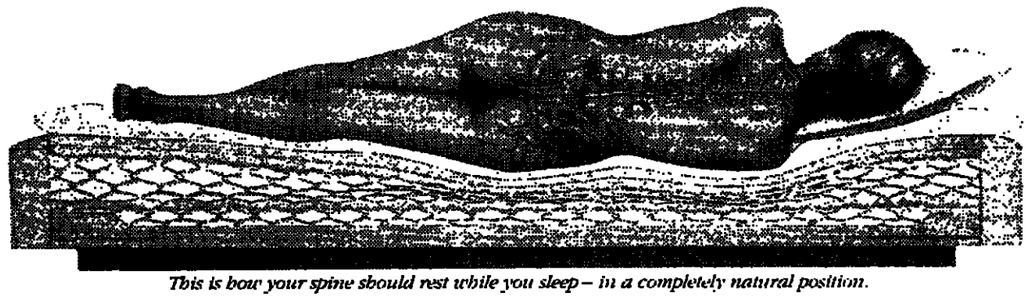


Don't he and Hoffman go way back? Yes, to Oxford, in the early 1980s, where Walters was reading English at Oriel. During that time, the two collaborated on *Privileged*, a £30,000 film whose cast included Imogen Stubbs and an unknown "Hughie" Grant.
What was the appeal of *Restoration*? "An amazingly attractive and sympathetic main character" — Robert Downey Jr's Merivel, royal physician to Charles II — "and quite a strong moral centre about how it is that he finds his redemption or salvation. I remember when Mike sent me the novel. I read the first 50 pages and said I want to do this, it's so modern."
Should Rose Tremain worry? "I don't have any sympathy for novelists whose work is trashed by filmmakers, if indeed it is, because they get very well paid, and they don't have to sell the rights."
Is it hard being a full-time screenwriter? "It's a difficult one: there are maybe two people — Michael Frayn and David Mamet — who move between disciplines, but there are not many who move between three. It's just that the stories I want to write tend to occur to me in film form. I would like to write a play, and I've got a few in mind."
What's next? An adaptation of Evelyn Waugh's *Put Out More Flags* for Channel 4, for Stephen Fry and Hugh Laurie. And a screen remake of *Pride and Prejudice* for Warner Brothers, which Hoffman has said he will direct.

MATT WOLF

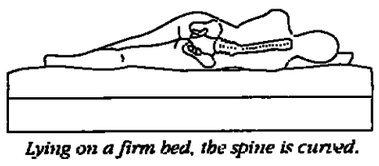
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☐ **COPACABANA** Barry Manilow's first musical. You've heard the song, and heard the song: the show adds energetic dancing and pineapple headdresses but that's about it.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972) Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

◪ **GLENGARRY GLEN ROSS**: James Bolam and Ron Cook head the cast in Mamet's blistering account of the cut-throat world of Florida real-estate salesmen. Sam Mendes directs
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-867 1150) Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm ◪

☐ **HAMLET** First time for this play at the Open Air. Tim Pigott-Smith directs Damian Lewis in the title role
Open Air, Regent's Park, NW1 (071-486 2431). Today, 2.30 and 8pm, Mon and Tue, 8pm ◪

◪ **IN THE HEART OF AMERICA** Dominic Dromgoole directs Naomi Wallace's new play, set in Saudi Arabia during the Gulf War. Wallace is also the author of *The Warboys* and the splendidly-titled children's tale *The Girl Who Fell Through a Hole in her Jumper*.
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☐ **KING LEAR**. Christopher Robbie has a hard act stepping into Robert Stephenson's shoes in Adrian Noble's brilliant production.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891) Tonight-Tue, 7pm ◪

☐ **THE LADY FROM THE SEA**. Lindsay Posner's production of Ibsen's intriguing but awkward play is fitfully successful. Likewise Josette Simon — lovely and intense, but not quite right.
Lyric, King Street, W6 (081-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 4pm ◪

☐ **LADY WINDERMERE'S FAN**: Another extravagantly set-dominated Wilde from Philip Prowse. Fine acting from Francesca Annis's mother with a past but otherwise a frail evening
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◪ **THE LIFE OF THE WORLD TO COME** New from Rod Williams: patients are put on ice until doctors can find a cure and in the meantime, their investments accumulate. The anti-capitalist satire doesn't always add up, but the comedy mostly does
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed and Sat, 4pm. Until Aug 13 ◪

☐ **THE MIRACLE WORKER**: Jenny Seagrove and Catherine Holman as teacher and blind, deaf pupil in a touching, unmawkish production of this decent play. With William Gaunt and Judi Bowker. Richard Olivier directs
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045) Mon-Fri, 8pm; Sat, 8.15pm; mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm

◪ **MURDER IN THE CATHEDRAL** T S Eliot's attempt to enter the feelings of the archbishop, murdering knights and anxious women of Canterbury. Michael Feast plays Becket with a contemporary edge
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◪ **900 ONEONTA**: David Beaird's terrific, vivid, filthy-tongued Gothic Southern drama — half for real, half spoof — earns a deserved transfer from fringe to prime house. The first of the West End Producers' Alliance shows.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616) Mon-Fri, 7.45pm; Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs 3pm and Sat, 4pm. ◪

☐ **PERICLES**: Phyllida Lloyd's whirling, whooping, no-gimmick-barred and not so wonderful production of what can be a beautiful play
National, (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Tue, 7.15pm, mats Sat and Tue, 2pm ◪

◪ **ROCKY HORROR SHOW**. Just when you thought it was safe to go out to the theatre, back comes Richard O'Brien's legend from another age, another realm, another sex.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, W1 (071-836 5122) Mon-Thurs, 8.15pm; Fri and Sat, 6pm and 9pm. ◪

☐ **ST JOAN**: Imogen Stubbs as the soldier-saint in a production full of mental passion. If you can overlook the scenic ado. Peter Jeffrey is superb as the Inquisitor.
Strand, Strand, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm.

☐ **SHE LOVES ME**. Pleasant musical by the *Fiddler* team telling of love by letter in a Budapest parfumerie. Ruthie Henshall and John Gordon-Sinclair make an engaging pair.
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NEW RELEASES

◆ **GETTING EVEN WITH DAD** (PG) Macaulay Culkin reforms his wayward dad (Ted Danson). Botched family comedy, directed by Howard Deutch.
MGMs: Fulham Rd ◪ (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332) **Warner** ◪ (071-437 4343)

THE LAST SEDUCTION (18) Enjoyably amoral tale of sex, power and 700,000 dollars, with Linda Fiorentino as the femme fatale to end them all. Director, John Dahl.
Barbican ◪ (071-638 8891) **Curzon West End** (071-439 4805) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666)

WE DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT (PG) An ageing bachelor and a charming dwarf join forces in Maria Luisa Bemberg's magical Argentine fable. With Marcello Mastroianni.
Chelsea (071-351 3742/3743) **Curzon Mayfair** (071-465 8865) **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

ZERO PATIENCE (18): Well-meaning but cumbersome Canadian musical debunking Aids myths from adventurous director John Greyson.
MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561)

CURRENT

BAD GIRLS (15): Four prostitutes fight for their rights, a silly Western with Madeleine Stowe, Andie MacDowell, Mary Stuart Masterson and Drew Barrymore. Director, Jonathan Kaplan.
MGM Panton Street (071-930 0631)

◆ **THE BEVERLY HILLBILLIES** (PG) Silly, acceptable big-screen revival for TV's favourite hicks with Jim Varney, Lily Tomlin and Dietrich Bader. Director, Penelope Spheeris.
MGM Trocadero ◪ (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426 915574)

THE DRAUGHTSMAN'S CONTRACT (15). Sexual bargaining, deceit and murder in an English country house. Peter Greenaway's breakthrough feature, still seductive after 12 years. With Anthony Higgins, Janet Suzman.
Everyman ◪ (071-435 1525)

◆ **THE FLINTSTONES** (U): Hollow, noisy live-action treatment of the TV cartoon set in Stone Age suburbia, with John Goodman. Brian Levant directs.
Empire ◪ (0800 888911) **MGMs: Baker St** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Rd** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **Screen/Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332)

◆ **FOUR WEDDINGS AND A FUNERAL** (15). Wedding veteran Hugh Grant is never the groom, until he meets Andie MacDowell. Smart social comedy with the popular touch. Mike Newell directs.
Gate ◪ (071-727 4043) **MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Shaftesbury Ave** (071-836 6279) **Minema** (071-235 4225) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Mezzanine** ◪ (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332) **Warner** ◪ (071-437 4343)

THE GETAWAY (18) Alec Baldwin and Kim Basinger as thieves on the run. Strong, sexy remake of the 1972 thriller; director, Roger Donaldson
MGM Trocadero ◪ (071-434 0031) **Warner** ◪ (071-437 4343)

KIKA (18). A make-up artiste's life and loves. Misogynistic, dispiriting comedy-thriller from Pedro Almodóvar with Veronica Forqué and Victoria Abril
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Swiss Centre** (071-439 4470)

LOVE & HUMAN REMAINS (18): Mordant tales of love, sex and serial killings. Denys Arcand directs a fresh, excellent cast, led by Thomas Gibson and Ruth Marshall.
Gate ◪ (071-727 4043) **Lumiere** (071-836 0691) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098)

◆ **MAVERICK** (PG) Mel Gibson as the TV Western conman. Disappointing summer fun, with Jodie Foster and James Garner. Director, Richard Donner
Barbican ◪ (071-638 8891) **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332) **Warner** ◪ (071-437 4343)

◆ **MY GIRL 2** (PG): Anna Chlumsky's precocious girl searches for the mother she never knew. Bland sequel aimed at young teens with Austin O'Brien, Dan Aykroyd and Jamie Lee Curtis. Director, Howard Zieff.
MGMs: Baker Street (071-935 9772) **Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332)

NECRONOMICON (18): Clumsy horror compendium inspired by H.P. Lovecraft's stories, with Bruce Payne, David Warner, and sundry creatures from the depths.
MGM Panton Street (071-930 0631) **Plaza** (0800 888997)

◆ **NORTH** (PG): Whimsical misfire from director Rob Reiner, with Elijah Wood as the child searching the globe for the perfect parents.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098)

◆ **RENAISSANCE MAN** (12) Patchy comedy with Danny DeVito teaching *Hamlet* to the army's under-achievers. Director, Penny Marshall.
Odeon Kensington (0426 914666) **Warner** ◪ (071-437 4343)

SHORT CUTS (18): Robert Altman's dazzling kaleidoscope of fractured lives in Los Angeles. The superb cast includes Andie MacDowell, Bruce Davison, Tim Robbins, Matthew Modine and Lily Tomlin
MGM Swiss Centre (071-439 4470)

◆ **SIRENS** (15): Oxford curate and his wife mingle with Australia's bohemians. Joyful, luscious romp, with Hugh Grant, Tara Fitzgerald and Elle MacPherson. Directed by John Duigan.
MGMs: Fulham Road ◪ (071-370 2636) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Notting Hill Coronet** ◪ (071-727 6705) **Odeon Haymarket** (0426 915353) **Phoenix** (081-883 2233) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Screen/Hill** ◪ (071-435 3366) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332) **Warner** ◪ (071-437 4343)

◆ **SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS** (U): You are never too old to enjoy the world's first feature-length cartoon, in a sparkling restored print.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332)

SUGAR HILL (18): Harlem drug dealer Wesley Snipes re-evaluates his life. Moody drama that fails to deliver. Director, Leon Ichaso. Today only.
Electric ◪ (071-792 2020/0328) **Plaza** (0800 888997)

◆ **THUMBELINA** (U). Insipid cartoon version of the Hans Christian Andersen tale. Directors, Don Bluth and Gary Goldman.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332) **Warner** ◪ (071-437 4343)

WILD TARGET (15). Featherweight French comedy, with Jean Rochefort as a meticulous hitman unhinged by love. Director, Pierre Salvadori.
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Swiss Centre** (071-439 4470) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148)

WOODSTOCK: THE DIRECTOR'S CUT (15): Michael Wadleigh's famous film of the ultimate rock festival. The 36 extra minutes feature Janis Joplin, Jimi Hendrix and others.
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279)

NEW ON VIDEO: Megahy serves up a murder mystery; Serreau's social comedy

■ **THE HOUR OF THE PIG**
FoxVideo, 15, 1993
A BRIGHT legal spark in medieval France gets to defend a pig accused of murder, and wades deep into superstition. A half-bawdy, half-serious drama from Leslie Megahy, past series editor for BBC's *Omnibus*: the small screen, indeed, seems its best home. The enjoyable cast includes Colin Firth, and two veteran chewers of scenery, Nicol Williamson and Donald Pleasence.

■ **LA CRISE**
Electric, 15, 1993
POOR Vincent Lindon: he loses his wife, then his job, but his friends only bleat about their own misery. Excepting Patrick Timsit's simpleton, who tags along with a listening ear and puts his problems in perspective. An ebullient, fast-talking social comedy from Coline Serreau, director of *Three Men and a Cradle*.

■ **DAENS**
Curzon, 15, 1993
TWO-and-a-quarter hours of workers' shawls, drab cobbled streets and Belgian religious politics may sound daunting. But strong performances pull you through Stijn Coninx's epic about an embattled priest who championed the poor in the 1890s and faced the wrath of the Catholic hierarchy. Jan Decleir is utterly convincing as the humanist Adolf Daens, a principled man struggling to do the right thing.

■ **DOMICILE CONJUGAL**
Artificial Eye, PG, 1970
THE charm is laid on a little thickly in the fourth instalment of Truffaut's saga about Antoine Doinel, the boy hero of *Les Quatre Cents Coups*. Marriage and fatherhood have now overtaken him, though he is not averse to a casual affair or petulant, childish behaviour. There's a strained note to Jean-Pierre Léaud's performance that suggests he had outgrown the role, though Truffaut persevered with one more Doinel film nine years later.

■ **THE FINAL TEST**
Odyssey, U, 1953
VISUALLY impoverished but endearing Terence Rattigan tale about a veteran English batsman (Jack Warner) facing up to his last game. Real-life cricketers like Len Hutton, Denis Compton and Alec Bedser attempt to add a touch of realism, though you believe rather more in the character played by Robert Morley, a fashionable dramatist whose oeuvre includes "Follow the Turtle to My Father's Tomb".

■ **TILLIE'S PUNCTURED ROMANCE**
PolyGram, U, 1914
THE world's first feature-length comedy emerges on video under the "Chaplin Collection" tag, though the star is that large ugly duckling Marie Dressler, who repeats her stage role as Tillie, the good-natured country girl duped by Chaplin's heartless city slicker. Mack Sennett, who produced and directed, engineers plenty of knockabout fun.

■ **WOODSTOCK: THE DIRECTOR'S CUT**
Warner, 18, 1970
MICHAEL Wadleigh's exhilarating account of the rock festival to end them all has now been extended by 36 minutes. Here, for the first time are Janis Joplin, Jefferson Airplane and Canned Heat; there is more, too, from Jimi Hendrix. But the film's value lies above all in its mosaic portrait of a time and a place, when the world was groovy, and possibilities seemed limitless. One warning: home viewers will miss the impact of the split-screen images.

GEOFF BROWN



A feast of murder and superstition in Leslie Megahy's medieval romp, *The Hour of the Pig*

Bring on the tartan troupers

Summer just wouldn't be summer without the celebrated Edinburgh International Festival

The **Cardiff Summer Festival** (0222 751235; until Aug 14) is really a series of festivities under one banner. Now in its eighth season, it has built a reputation for general jollities that include all sorts of international street artists, an impressive mix of musical styles and a big fiesta finale.

This year, the children's festival is already under way at the castle. Carnival arrives from Brazil tomorrow and the city centre becomes an open-air stage midweek. Lovers of cool jazz are in for a treat when Jason Rebello appears during the Hayes Alive! music festival.

Moving on to two strictly music festivals, Mark Wigglesworth conducts the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain in tonight's **BBC Henry Wood Proms** concert for Ravel's *Daphne and Chloë* and Stravinsky's *Petrushka* (071-589 8212; until Sept 10). Tomorrow, a tribute to Sir William Glock is conducted by Sir Colin Davis. George Benjamin and Pierre Boulez.

Highlights of the next fortnight include two world premieres: Sir Maxwell Davies's Symphony No 5 on Tuesday and John Tavener's *Apocalypse* on August 14. Felicity Lott and Elena Prokina add their scintillating sopranos to the traditional "Viennese night" and *Eugene Onegin* respectively, and Andrew Davis conducts an all-star tribute to Henry Wood on August 19. Plus the Norwegian Chamber Orchestra, a late-night concert of Indian music and a birthday celebration for Sir Neville Marriner.

Glasgow, meanwhile, hosts an **International Early Music Festival** (041-227 5511/334 9229) this week, featuring Dryden and Purcell's Aztec-Inca extravaganza, *The Indian Queen*, at the Citizens Theatre. Melvyn Tan is another major attraction, conducting the New Mozart Ensemble from the fortepiano for a programme of Mozart and pieces from Gluck's rarely heard *Echo et Narcisse*.

The Paris-based Alla Francesca gives a performance tonight of 13th-century troubador songs and praises to the Virgin Mary and tomorrow night tenor Jean-Paul Fouchécourt joins Marc Minkowski and Les Musiciens du Louvre for Mauret's comic "rustic" opera, *Les Amores Ragonde*. The best of Scottish talent is well represented too, with the Scottish Early Music and Trumpet Consorts, soprano Mhairi Lawson and the instrumental ensemble Scaramuccia.

August just would not be the same without the **Edinburgh International Festival** (031-226 4001; Aug 14-Sept 3). The schedule for what is probably the world's most famous celebration of the arts is so packed that events listed in this article take place or at least begin only in the first week.

The opening concert is devoted to Mahler's mighty Symphony No 8, the Symphony of a Thousand: Donald Runnicles conducts the Royal Scottish National Orchestra. Beethoven and Chabrier are the featured festival composers and the former's *Fidelio* is the opening production, with all of the works associated with his only opera presented in one day. The symphonies, piano concertos and various quartets and sonatas will be performed throughout the three weeks.

Joan Rodgers joins Jean Yves Ossonce and the BBC SO on Thursday for Chabrier's *España*, two cantatas and the UK premiere of the one complete act of his *Briséïs*. Later the same night, a Chabrier cabaret devised by Gerald Larner. Other early-on musical highlights include a welcome return for mezzo-soprano Olga Borodina, Beethoven from the Borodin String Quartet and a festival recital debut for the much-feted young soprano Galina Gorchakova.

Miami City Ballet bursts onto the stage on Monday with two all-Balanchine programmes for the week, including his dazzling abstract piece *Jewels*. The first of two foreign language Shakespeare productions, the Berliner Ensemble's *Antony and Cleopatra* directed by Peter Zadek, opens on August 16. Robert Lepage premieres his *The Seven Streams of the River Ota* and Robert David McDonald presents Goethe's searing look at political ambition, *Torquato Tasso*.

It is very hard to choose from the hundreds of Fringe events going on but here are some names that may be familiar to you. The National Youth Music Theatre presents *Oliver!*, the National Theatre student company has four programmes. Jools Holland and his Big Band rock on, the Chinese State Circus performs more how-*do*-they-do-that acrobatics and Victor Spinetti directs *Dogman*, "a super hero you can cuddle" for children.

Stephen Dinsdale's hilarious *Anorak of Fire* returns to the Fringe and he also premieres two new one-hour comedies. Ann Bryson (see Philadelphia cheese ad) has a one-woman comedy, *Acing Sonia*, John Hegley performs his *Love Cuts* and Greg Proops also returns with another new show. And finally, more entertainment from Tony Hawks, Dominic Holland (winner of the Perrier Best Newcomer Award 1993), John Moloney, and The Entire Company serving up sketches, song and comedy at breakfast and tea.

BARBARA DENKERT

Will any dream do? It depends on whether that dream consists of meeting Darren Day, television star turned Joseph

A Day worth remembering

THE TIMES **THE THEATRE CLUB**

DARREN Day has gone from being one of television's most popular presenters of youth programmes — he is a pillar of *Going Live*, BBC1's Saturday morning show, and ITV's *Teen Win Lose or Draw* — to the lead in the hit musical *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, at the Palace Theatre, Manchester. Now Theatre Club members can meet him.

Joseph was the first show that Andrew Lloyd Webber wrote with lyricist Tim Rice. Originally written as a short concert piece for a school choir, it was later extended to become the full-length show that has been a phenomenal success around the world. With hit songs such as "Any Dream Will Do" and "Close Every Door", together with magnificent send-ups of rock'n'roll and country music, it has delighted theatregoers of all ages, as well as setting the seal on theatrical success for Jason Donovan, Phillip Schofield and, now, Darren Day. Members can see the performances on August 26 and 29, have a glass of wine and meet Day at the post-show reception for £23.30. To book please call 061-242 2519

THIS WEEK'S SPECIALS

LONDON
Victoria Palace
Aug 8
● THERE are still a few places left for the Theatre Club outing to *Buddy*, the hit musical celebration of Buddy Holly which has just celebrated its 2,000th performance. Tickets are £14 (normal price £22) and include a drink with the cast after the show. Tel 071-834 1317

SWANSEA
Grand Theatre
Aug 23-27
● FROM Glam rock to punk by way of Abba, including the hit songs "Leader Of The Gang"; "Nobody Does It Better"; "Get It On" and "YMCA". *Hot Stuff* is a non-stop musical celebration of the 1970s. Club members can save £2 on all ticket prices (normally £12.50, £14.50, £15.50). Tel 0792 475715

GLASGOW
Tron
Aug 18
● WRITER-performer David Drake presents an invigorating, powerful and shamelessly funny celebration of contemporary gay life. *The Night Larry Kramer Kissed Me* was inspired by Kramer's landmark play *The Normal Heart*, which awakened and jolted Drake's political consciousness. From coming of age to coming out, Drake stuns the audience with a collage of events, feelings, joys, triumphs and tragedies. Club members can buy two tickets for the price of one (normal prices £6.00, £7.50). Tel 041-552 4267

SALISBURY
Playhouse
Aug 22-25
● ANTHONY Shaffer's *Sleuth* is a classic suspense thriller, breathtakingly audacious and fiendishly cunning. Detective fiction author and ingenious games master, Andrew Wyke, wishes to commit the ultimate crime. Enter Milo Tindle, his wife's young lover, and the stage is set for a fascinating cat-and-mouse game of intrigue and revelation. Club members can buy tickets for £7.50 (normal prices £10, £12). Tel 0722 320333

YORK
Theatre Royal
From Aug 19
● THEATRE Club members can save £3 on tickets in the stalls and dress circle (normal prices £7.50 to £11) and will receive a drink for John Doyle's adaptation of Bram Stoker's timeless tale of gothic horror, *Dracula*. Tel 0904 623568



Things are looking up for Darren Day, TV presenter and, now, Joseph in the hit musical — see first item

BANGOR
Theatr Gwynedd
Aug 20
● ON the eve of his 35th birthday, Dennis decides he wants to pack a rucksack and head for the open road. But will his friends let him? Having explored the female midlife crisis in *Educating Rita* and *Shirley Valentine*, Willy Russell looks at the problem from the male point of view in *One for the Road*. Theatre Club members can buy two tickets for the price of one (normal prices £6, £7). Tel 0248 351915

DERBY
Playhouse
Aug 30
● YOUR table is waiting as Derby Playhouse is transformed into the Kit-Kat Klub. On to the empty stage steps the Master of Ceremonies inviting you to forget about the world outside and lose yourself in the seedy decadence of night-time Berlin at the *Cabaret*. Theatre Club members can buy two tickets for the price of one (normally £10.50) and will receive a free programme and glass of wine. Tel 0332 363275

OXFORD
Playhouse
Aug 13, 20
● THE Oxford Stage Company, under the direction of John Retallack, treats its audience to a fast-paced and modern re-telling of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*. For £14 Theatre Club members will receive a pre-show talk from the director, with a free glass of wine and a free programme. Tel 0865 798600

BRIGHTON
Theatre Royal
Aug 15-18
● STEPHEN Dillane plays Hamlet in Sir Peter Hall's new production of Shakespeare's timeless tragedy with Michael Pennington as Claudius, Donald Sinden as Polonious, Gwen Taylor as Gertrude and Gina Bellman as Ophelia. Club members can buy tickets for £9 (normal price £17.50). Tel 0273 328488

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RECORDINGS: Hampson expands into the Big Country; Gruberovà leaves the mad house; Public Enemy take the rap

Hilary Finch



Where other, earlier recordings have failed, Thomas Hampson gets the tone of voice exactly right in most of Aaron Copland's *American Songs*

■ **COPLAND**
American Songs
Upshaw/Hampson/Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra
Teldec 9031 77310 2★★★

IN years to come, America may well be remembered as the Big Song country of the 20th century. Gershwin, Barber, Bernstein, Argento — and Copland, as this disc reminds us — have taken over where Europe has left off in instinctive musically rich responses to the written word.

Aaron Copland's two collections of old American songs date from the 1950s, though these pungent orchestral versions came a little later. Their tone of voice — "the gift to be simple" as the old Shaker song has it — is difficult to capture.

Thomas Hampson gets most of it exactly right: a lightly breathed dream-spell of a lullaby in "The Little Horse" and "Long Time Ago", and the merest hint of a Southern twang for the nicely understated "I Bought Me a Cat". The orchestrations really add something, especially when played with such an eye for imaginative detail by the splendid Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra.

Emily Dickinson saw the world in a grain of sand; and it takes a Copland — and a Dawn Upshaw — to re-create her poems in music without blunting their sharp, dry vision. Upshaw's soprano is as sensitive to their oblique sightlines as in Copland's music in this set of eight songs.

□ **STRAUSS/WAGNER**
Four Last Songs/ Wesendonck-Lieder
Studer/Staatskapelle Dresden/Sinopoli
DG 439 865-2★★

LATE and luxuriant they may be, but Strauss's Four Last Songs are never allowed to linger overlong in Cheryl Studer's clear, rhythmically lively performance. The Dresden Staatskapelle under Giuseppe Sinopoli contributes vivid solo details, if slightly etiolated tempi, in Wagner's *Wesendonck-Lieder*. These are, indeed, such stuff as dreams are made of, and they lead naturally to Studer's powerful performance of the *Liebestod* from *Tristan und Isolde*. A particularly satisfying piece of programming.

John Higgins

■ **LEONIE RYSANEK**
Opera Arias
EMI 5 65201 2 (1 CD) ★★

FOR reasons that will need explaining one of these days, Leonie Rysanek sang only a handful of performances at Covent Garden during a career that lasted some 45 years. In Vienna and Munich, at Bayreuth and at the Met she was a star. But the Royal Opera appeared to forget about her.

We never heard her here, for example, as Senta in the *Dutchman*, one of the first roles in which she excelled. Three extracts from Wagner's opera, recorded when Rysanek was only in her mid twenties, begin EMI's collection and show just how powerful and charged with emotion Rysanek's soprano was. She threw everything into her performance.

She was trained by Alfred Jerger, the first Mandryka in Strauss's *Arabella*, but an extract from that work is disappointing. Perhaps she came to it too early, as she might have done to the Marschallin, also recorded before she turned 30.

She is much happier in more robust material, notably D'Albert's *Tiefland*, while three other extracts show her well able to cope with all the demands of *Aida*. In two of these she is joined by Rudolf Schock, who at the time (1955) seemed able to take on almost anything.

Stirring singing for those who do not mind their Verdi in German and a valuable memento of a soprano who has only this year announced her retirement from the stage. She will be missed.



Gruberovà: mad scenes

□ **EDITA GRUBEROVA**
Queen of Coloratura
Teldec 4509-93691-2 (1 CD) ★

THIS disc has been mainly sliced from Gruberovà's complete recordings on the Teldec label between 1988 and 1992. Nikolaus Harnoncourt, conducting various orchestras, is in charge of the Mozart, who is allotted half the available space. Gruberovà has been nonpareil as the Queen of the Night in *Zauberflöte* but her excursion into *Don Giovanni* (1989) was ill-advised and is hardly worth re-issuing. For Gruberovà at her dazzling best in Mozart, listen to "Dalla sponda tenebrosa" from *Lucio Silla*.

Under Richard Bonynge's expert hand she was highly successful in the title role of Donizetti's *Lucia di Lammermoor* and the Mad Scene gets an extended and welcome showing here. This now seems to be Gruberovà's natural territory nowadays — witness her success in this season's *Puritani* at the Vienna State Opera.

But she need not confine herself to ladies prone to madness. The last item on this enjoyable disc is a hugely spirited csardas from *Fledermaus* and no lady had her feet more firmly planted on the ground than Strauss's Rosalinde.

BAROQUE

Barry Millington

■ **BACH**
Violin and Oboe Concertos
Wallfisch/Robson/OAE
Virgin Veritas
VC 5 45095 2★★★

LESS than half of J. S. Bach's 24 extant concertos have survived in their original form. And of these, the harpsichord concertos BWV 1051-65 were probably not for the keyboard at all, but transcriptions of concertos previously written for other instruments. Each of the works on the present disc from the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment is a back-transcription from a harpsichord concerto (in the case of BWV 1060 in C Minor from a concerto for two harpsichords). The reconstructions are those published in the *Neue Bach-Ausgabe*.

The best known are BWV 1060, played here with violin and oboe as solo instruments, and BWV 1052, which is the celebrated D Minor concerto generally heard on either harpsichord or piano.

The latter, with its violinistic use of cross-bowing and open strings, sounds particularly convincing on the fiddle, especially when played as idiomatically as it is here by Elizabeth Wallfisch. Directing the OAE, too, in three of the works, she secures sprightly rhythms and crisp articulation.

The oboist, Anthony Robson, is likewise superb in BWV 1060. In the A Major Concerto BWV 1055 he directs the ensemble as well as contributing a wonderfully plangent oboe d'amore solo.

The disc is a joy from start to finish, and comes with excellent notes by Simon Heighes.

□ **BACH**
Cantatas BWV 82a, 199, 51
Argenta/Ensemble Sonnerie/Huggett
Virgin Veritas
VC 5 45038 2★★★

THE first surprise on this delightful disc of Bach cantatas is to hear the opening movement of *Ich habe genug*, BWV 82a, not only sung by a soprano (instead of the usual bass) but also with a flute (as opposed to an oboe) obbligato. Bach began to write the cantata for a solo alto, switching tessitura after he had composed the first aria. A second version of the work — hence the 82a — replaced bass and oboe with soprano and flute.

It is an interesting rescoring because, unlike the transcriptions of keyboard concertos, which do not change their essential nature, it does present the text in a different light. The song of the aged Simeon is less sombre when sung by a soprano, and the timbre of the flute (Lisa Beznosiuk) also adds a lighter touch. Nancy Argenta is in excellent voice, and fully attuned to the nuances of Bach's elaborate vocal lines, both here and in *Mein herze schwimmt im Blut*, BWV 199.

The third cantata on the disc, which features the admirable Ensemble Sonnerie under Monica Huggett, is the popular *Jauchzet Gott in allen Landen*, BWV 51, with virtuoso parts for both soprano and trumpet. Argenta is joined here by the irreproachable Crispian Steele-Perkins who is always careful to complement, rather than compete with, the vocalist.

JAZZ

Clive Davis

■ **JOHN SCOFIELD**
Hand Jive
Blue Notes CDP-827327 ★★★

MUCH as I admired the ingenuity of *Grace Under Pressure* and the gossamer delicacy of John Scofield's recent encounter with that other guitar whiz, Pat Metheny, this is the side of him, low-down and dirty, that I prefer most.

A striking change of direction, *Hand Jive* returns to the visceral mood of 1986's *Blue Matter*, the most emotionally satisfying album of his career so far.

Of all the musicians to come out of Miles Davis's electric bands in the 1980s, none has developed with as much taste and assurance. Truth to say, the best of Scofield's work overshadows anything his



John Scofield: visceral

mentor produced in his last years. Fusion has earned itself a poor reputation: Scofield conclusively proves that, in sensitive hands, it is a form whose potential is far from exhausted.

While Joe Lovano had previously been Scofield's first choice on saxophone, the tenor duties are taken this time by Eddie Harris, a wily fox of the crossover school. The contrast between his forceful, economical lines and Scofield's free-wheeling and harmonically daring improvisations generates a sense of urgency that has sometimes been missing before.

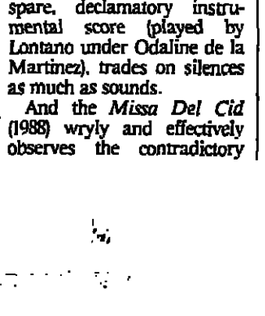
□ **DOC CHEATHAM**
The Eighty-Seven Years of Doc Cheatham
Columbia 474047-2 ★★★

PREVIOUSLY available only as an import, the trumpeter's stylish major label debut was selected as one of *The Times*'s jazz albums of 1993. Cheatham, who will be gracing the Edinburgh Jazz Festival this week, makes nonsense of his advancing years on "Wolverine Blues" and "Love You Madly". And where else would you hear a rendition of "I Guess I'll Get the Papers and Go Home"?

CONTEMPORARY

Stephen Pettitt

□ **WEIR**
The Consolations of Scholarship/ Missa Del Cid/ King Harald's Saga
Hirst/Lontano/de la Martinez, Combattimento /Mason, Manning.
United 88040★★★



Judith Weir: economical

THREE operas on one disc? No, technical wizardry has not made a radical advance. It is merely that Judith Weir says things economically and with originality.

King Harald's Saga (1979) is a veritable Cecil B. De Mille epic about the ill-fated Norwegian invasion of Britain in 1066, brilliantly distilled to a 12-minute work for one singer — Jane Manning — who summons a formidable array of vocal colours in portraying eight characters and an entire army.

The Consolations of Scholarship (1985), invented in the literary style of Yüan drama, again uses one singer — in this case Linda Hirst — in all the roles. The spare, declamatory vocal writing, matched almost note-for-note by an equally spare, declamatory instrumental score (played by Lontano under Odaline de la Martinez), trades on silences as much as sounds.

And the *Missa Del Cid* (1988) wryly and effectively observes the contradictory blood-letting and Christian piety of its anit-hero's actions, drolly described by an Evangelist (Nick Herret). The sung words — alluding to the ritual of the Mass but voicing the suffering of El Cid's victims — are given a cappella by Combattimento under David Mason's direction.

■ **DAVIES**
Symphony No 2
BBC Philharmonic Orchestra/Davies.
Collins Classics 14032★★★

SUDDENLY there has been a small spate of contemporary British music on disc — more next week. Coinciding with the world premiere of Sir Peter Maxwell Davies's Fifth Symphony at the Proms this week comes this new recording of his Second Symphony, composed for the Boston Symphony Orchestra's centenary in 1980, but here given by the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra under Davies's own direction.

The work is uncompromising, a thrilling, often terrifying, sometimes playful and iridescently beautiful evocation of the Atlantic Ocean and North Sea at the point where they meet in the bay beneath Davies's croft in the Orkneys.

An eloquent guiding note by the composer explains all that and goes into useful technical details about how two different wave-forms — moving form and static content, and static form and moving content — inform the shapes of his phrases, about how a constantly transforming version of a plainsong unifies the piece, about how his use of tonality sets up the drama.

Listening to the music what comes across is a tightly knit yet spaciously expressive structure. Surprisingly, the piece also revels in such features as the jagged, wide-ranging lines played by strings in octaves and in the brassy perorations the influence of Tippett's sound-world.

The BBC Philharmonic Orchestra's performance is taut, purposeful and committed. You can tell they find it a challenge. Sometimes the strings can be heard, as it were, scrambling slightly desperately over the spray-soaked boulders. Such sense of striving, of relishing the heroic struggle, is an essential part of this symphony's spirit.

POP ALBUMS

David Toop

■ **GIL SCOTT-HERON**
Spirits
Mother MUMCD 9415 ★

BUILDING on the initiative of rap poets such as The Last Poets, Chicago-born Gil Scott-Heron made an interesting niche for himself during the mid-1970s with songs such as "The Revolution Will Not be Televised" and "The Bottle".

Scott-Heron created a melancholic fusion of jazz, soul, political poetry and Afro-Latin rhythms. Yet with no record contract and a live reputation that had plummeted from inspiring to depressing, there was concern that he would become another rock casualty.

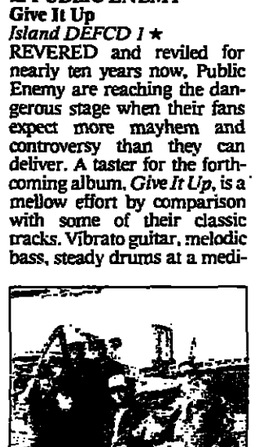
A new album, back on form and nakedly honest, comes as a relief. There are no anthems here to rival crowd-pleasers of the past, but this is hardly surprising. Having lost himself and his talent almost completely, Scott-Heron acknowledges that he is pulling back from the brink with some painfully candid lyrics and effectively simple music.

□ **ROBERT WYATT**
Going Back A Bit
Virgin CDVDM 9031 ★★

DRUMMER and vocalist with Soft Machine in the late 1960s, Robert Wyatt chose not to become a member of the rock aristocracy. Although the decision was finalised in 1973 when he fell out of a window and became permanently wheelchair-bound, Wyatt had given priority to musical and political integrity over commercial success.

His solo efforts since then have established him as one of the most individual singers in British rock history. Pushing his voice to the top of its range, he sings plain English with a mixture of sadness and wry puzzlement.

This two-CD compilation



Robert Wyatt: humour

covers a fairly wide range of his output: a Soft Machine BBC session from 1969, the solo albums of the early 1970s, the hit single version of "I'm A Believer", collaborations with Carla Bley and Mike Mantler, two extracts from his most recent album, plus some unreleased tracks.

Although dedicatedly experimental and serious, Wyatt's warm humour makes this an accessible collection.

POP SINGLES

David Toop

■ **PUBLIC ENEMY**
Give It Up
Island DEFCD 1 ★

REVERED and reviled for nearly ten years now, Public Enemy are reaching the dangerous stage when their fans expect more mayhem and controversy than they can deliver. A taster for the forthcoming album, *Give It Up*, is a mellow effort by comparison with some of their classic tracks. Vibrato guitar, melodic bass, steady drums at a medium tempo and a Southern-soul feel add up to a single that could offend only the most staunch anti-rap campaigner.



Public Enemy: mellow soul

As usual, Chuck D sprays out images, film references, names and song titles in quick succession. A lyric sheet will be useful to decipher fully the meaning, but the chorus is unequivocal and irresistible.

□ **ZUVUYA**
Shaman I Am
Delerium DELEC EP 031 ★

NOT many musicians can claim to have collaborated with an ethnobotanist but when they do, it is bound to be Terence McKenna, author of the recently published *True Hallucinations*. The squelching dance track synchronises perfectly with McKenna's delirious discourses on evolution and Shamanism. Certain to be a favourite at summer festivals and add fuel to the recent American discovery of the UK zippie: the hippy who loves technology.

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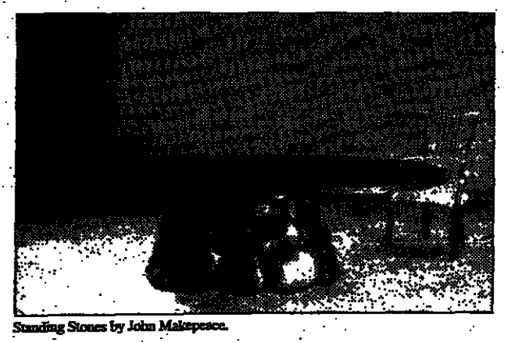
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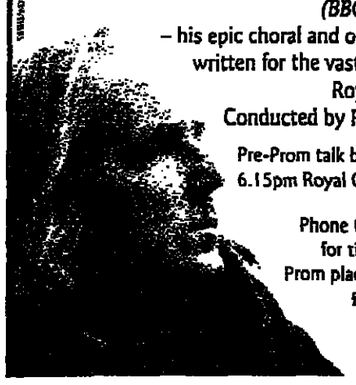
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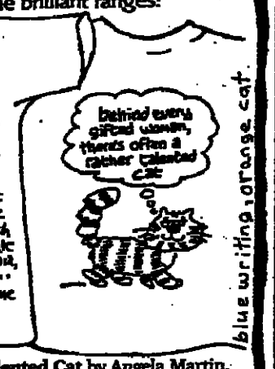
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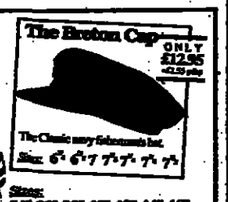
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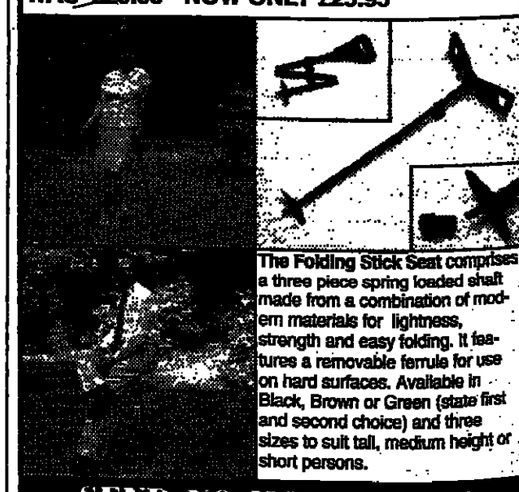
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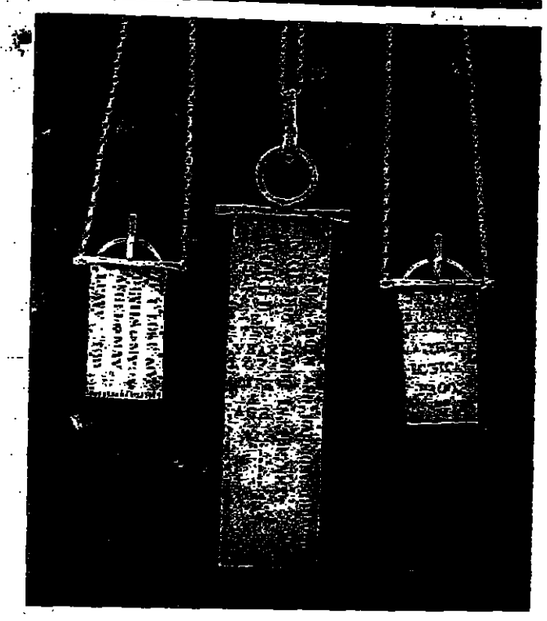
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Carolyn Quartermaine's sumptuous range of silks, canvases and velvets come in all the colours of the rainbow. You can choose from various script designs, including "Mozart", "S Script" and "F Script". Use simple canvas with black "Signature" script (from £55 per metre) in a room based on the pale and natural look. For pure lusciousness, choose a mixture of velvet (47in wide £85 per metre) and silk dupion (£85 per metre). Use the fabrics as borders for cushions and upholstery in a plain toning fabric for shoestring opulence. If shoestrings are not part of your plan, go straight for a 1940s-style gold chair upholstered in "Signature" design (£850).

If you are using these fabrics in a bathroom or kitchen — or in a sitting room with a tiled fireplace — why not have the script copied onto one or more of the tiles? Ceramic artist Caroline Rushent will decorate a single tile with calligraphy for £5 and a six-tile panel from £50. Ms Rushent also makes tile coasters with writing around the edges (from £5).

For a well-dressed table, two shops are unmissable: MAP and Bridgewater. Dinner party smartness calls for MAP's Fortune Teller china in white with the vices and virtues inscribed in gold (10in plate £18, 8in plate £14). If luvvies are invited, opt for the Shakespeare range: white china with play titles or characters' names written in black (10in plate £16.50, 8in plate £13.50). This range is also available in gold script, with matching glassware. Also consider the elegant "Numerals" design in white china with black Roman numerals around the rim (10in plate £18, 8in plate £14) with matching clear glasses (wine glass £17). Whether you use these designs as accent pieces with plain china and unadorned glass, or go the whole hog, MAP china is versatile and fashionable.

The "Toast and Marmalade" range by Bridgewater, in cream with simple black lettering, is for breakfast and supper dishes: "Kedgeree, Toast and Marmalade" (8½in plate £9.95), "Bacon & Eggs, Bubble & Squeak" (10½in plate £12.95), and beverages such as "Orange Pekoe & Mocha" (teacup and saucer £17.95). For that romantic breakfast, the "Love" range is perfect: cream china with jumbled black lettering spelling the word love (cup and saucer, £17.95, 8½in plate, £9.95, eggcup £6.95). Bridgewater also has tablecloths (from £24.95) and napkins (set of six, £19.95) in cream with "Tea, Breakfast, Lunch and Supper" printed around the edges, in matching cream and black. There are also mugs for children: the Animals Parade range (baby mug £8.95), again in cream and black, is decorated with animal silhouettes.

Still in domestic mode, you can use Claire Morgan's lampshades and bases in any room, together or separately: put her base covered with copies of 18th-century deeds, complete with seals and ribbons (about £85) on your Chippendale. Use her cream "Deeds with Seals" lampshade (14in "Empire", about £65) on a plain base in a neutral or modern room.

For jewellery, head for After Noah in Islington, north London, and look at the collection by silversmith Michael Milloy. His silver pendants are stamped with mottos from the fashionably hippy "Touched by the hand of God" (large, £105.75), to the deliciously cynical "Sweetness, love and harmony. Oh very nice but maybe in the next world" (large, £129.25).

Alternatively, the fashion jewellery department at Harrods stocks a fine selection of script-decorated pieces by Wright & Teague. The range includes a ring with Latin mottos (£195) and a gold plated scarab beetle engraved with "Pax Vobis" (£130).

This writing trend also gives you the opportunity to make romantic and lasting gestures. For the former, contact calligrapher Marie-Louise Holland, in Dublin, and commission her to write out a favourite love poem. She charges £30 per foot, and her beautiful script will make it a work of art to frame and treasure. For something that will last into the third millennium, artist Belinda Eade will carve words of your choosing on a piece of limestone or slate. Prices vary according to the size of the piece and the length of the inscription, so telephone to discuss ideas and a price.

STEPHANIE LEWIS

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- ☐ Carolyn Quartermaine and Marise Boxer at Chez Joseph, 26 Sloane Street, London W1 (071-245 9493). The department is closed for refurbishment until mid-September, but an answering machine will provide a contact number the meantime.

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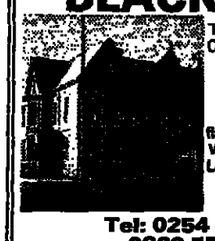
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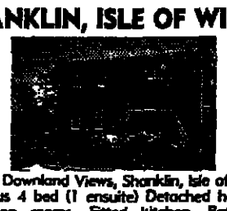
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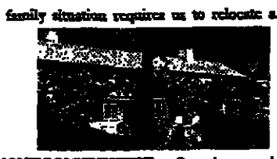


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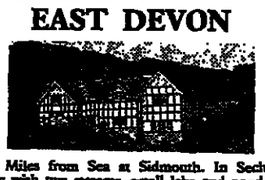
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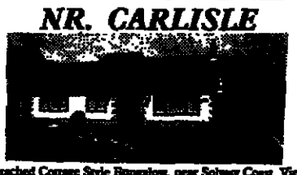
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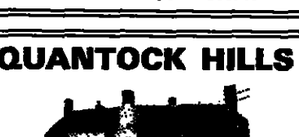
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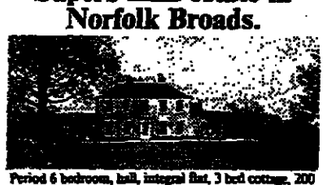
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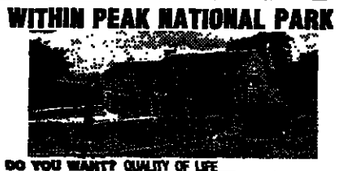
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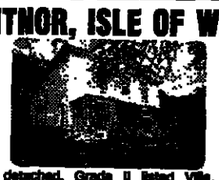
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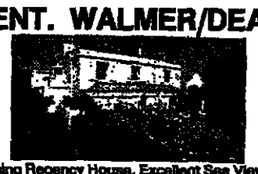
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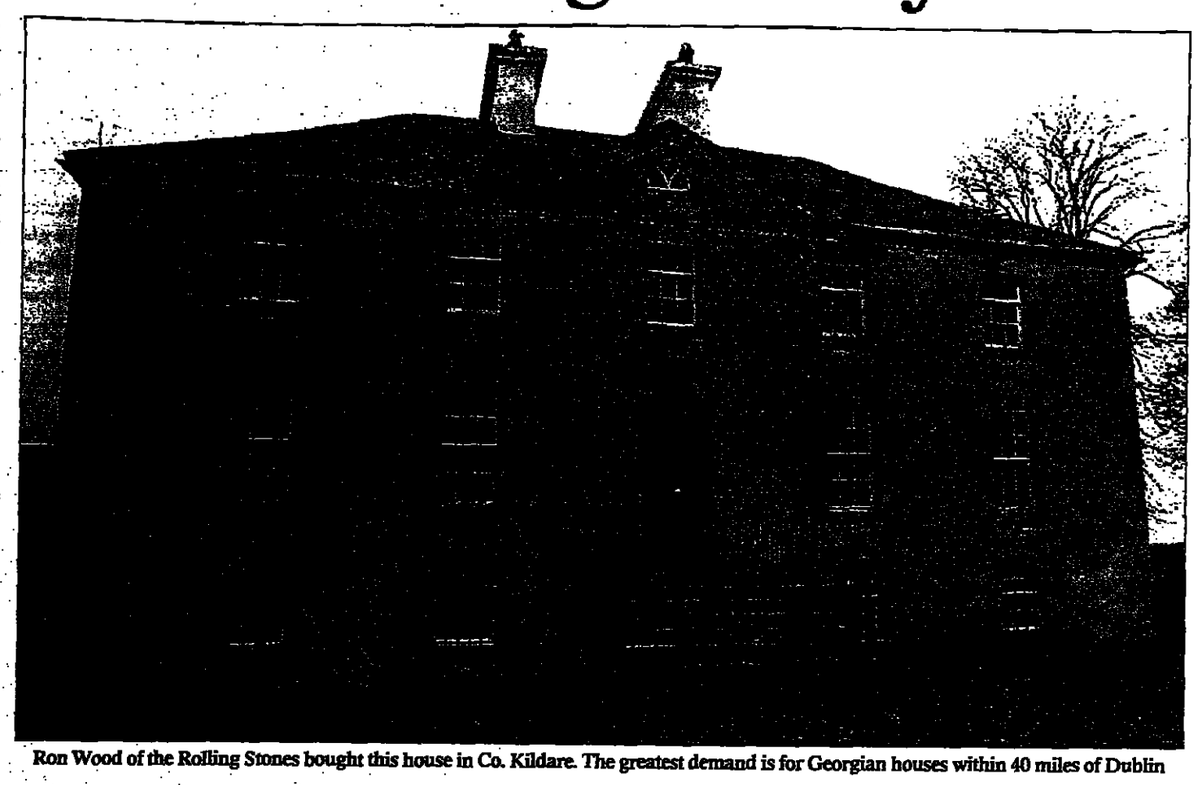


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Stars in Irish agents' eyes

Rachel Kelly on the famous faces buying in Ireland



Ron Wood of the Rolling Stones bought this house in Co. Kildare. The greatest demand is for Georgian houses within 40 miles of Dublin

THE idea of living in the Republic of Ireland has long attracted famous, rich, creative people. One reason is that artists, writers, composers, musicians, actors, filmmakers, sculptors, painters and the like do not have to pay tax in this beautiful country. Another reason is that the Irish have a reputation for not bothering celebrities.

At least a dozen stars of film and pop are looking for property in Ireland, and its nickname among estate agents is Bel-Eire.

An increasing number of film directors have been taking advantage of Ireland's unspoilt locations, and their stars have had the opportunity to fall for the Emerald Isle. These include Harrison Ford, Kevin Costner and Mia Farrow, who has said she is searching for a home in Co. Wicklow after becoming bewitched while filming *Widow's Peak* last summer. Tom Cruise bought a property in the southwest at the end of last year after he and Nicole Kidman were smitten with Dingle, Co. Kerry, where they spent two months filming *Far and Away*.

Pop stars, especially those with Irish roots, are attracted for similar reasons, only in their case they are likely to have fallen for Ireland's charms when hiring the recording studio of the pop group U2. (The group has just opened a nightclub in Dublin, called The Kitchen).

U2 singer Bono lives in a £2 million white house at Dalkey, south of Dublin, near to Chris de Burgh, who lives in Killiney. Ron Wood has a house in Co. Kildare.

The rules about tax breaks for those involved in creative work are specific. John Hickson, of the Dublin solicitors A&L Goodbody, explains the details: creative artists need pay no income tax on their income from creative work, but the exemption is dependent on the approval of the revenue commissioners; the commissioners inspect work to approve that it is of sufficient "artistic and cultural" merit; the work must be original.

"People do get refused," Mr Hickson says. The commissioners prefer work at the sensitive, rather than the blockbuster, end of the spectrum, and they can call on expert advice. Typically, a blockbuster script full of sex 'n' shopping might well be turned down by the commissioners, though their respect for confidentiality means that we are unlikely ever to know who has failed the test.

Americans, particularly, are attracted by the republic's foreign domicile rules. Foreigners can spend up to 139 days a year in the country without being deemed residents or being liable to tax on income earned in other countries. Those who are not officially domiciled in Ireland need pay Irish tax on only their earnings from the republic and the United Kingdom. Income earned elsewhere is not taxed in the republic, provided it is not brought into the country.

John O'Neill, of the Cork estate agents O'Leary, has sold property in the southwest to Jeremy Irons and David Puttnam in the past two years. "We are close to the UK and mainland Europe but can offer unspoilt, unpolluted country and a relaxed atmosphere," he says.





Tom Cruise bought a house in Dingle, Co. Kerry, after filming *Far and Away*; Mia Farrow is looking in Co. Wicklow

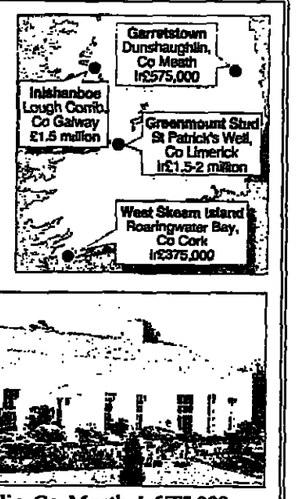
Agents suspect that more stars are house-hunting but, says Andrew Hay, of Knight Frank & Rutley, many use buying agents to conceal their identities. "The stars tend to find that prices suddenly shoot up if the sellers realise that they are involved," he says. "For example, Bryan Ferry was looking for a long time, but he got fed up with the price whizzing up the minute he walked through the door."

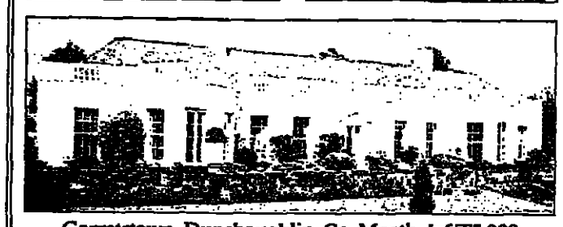
Hugh Hamilton, chairman of the Dublin agents Hamilton Osborne King, says that the Irish country-house market had been dominated in the past year by the return of American buyers, often in search of their roots. "The purchase of homes by showbiz personalities such as Tom Cruise and Julia Roberts has been a welcome boost to the market. For the first time since the market collapsed in 1989, there is a genuine demand for properties in the £500,000 to £1 million price bracket."

Mr Hamilton says the greatest demand is for Georgian houses with five bedrooms or more, set in ten to 100 acres and within 30 to 40 miles of Dublin. Irish nationals, too, are fuelling the market. Mr Hamilton says, as they respond to a recovery in the Irish economy and to the lower interest rates.

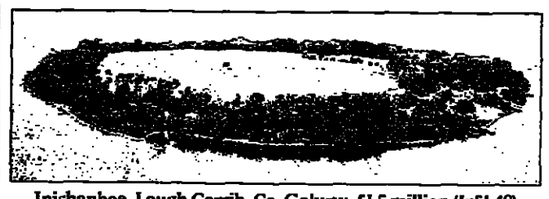
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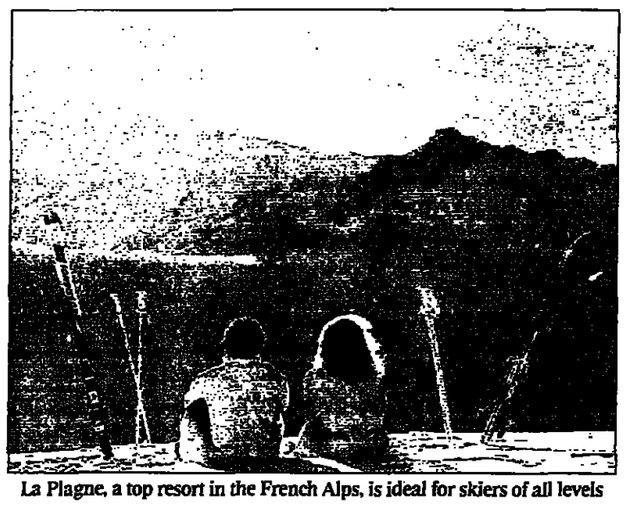
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The prize, worth more than £2,000, includes flights and transfers to and from the village, full board, ski tuition and ski passes (covering a comprehensive selection of runs in the resort), evening entertainment and insurance. Accommodation is in comfortable rooms, and three restaurants offer a variety of cuisine.

To enter, answer the first six clues printed today and enter the answers on to the crossword grid. Every day next week we will publish six more clues. When you have the solved all the clues, complete the grid and send it with your name, address and daytime phone number to: *The Times* Crossword Challenge (1), 30 Bouverie Street, London, EC88 4NG, to arrive no later than Friday, August 19. The winner will be selected from all correct entries received after the closing date, and notified by post. Normal Times Newspaper competition rules apply. Every reader who enters *The Times* Crossword Challenge will receive a £100 Club Med voucher which is redeemable on your next Club Med holiday.

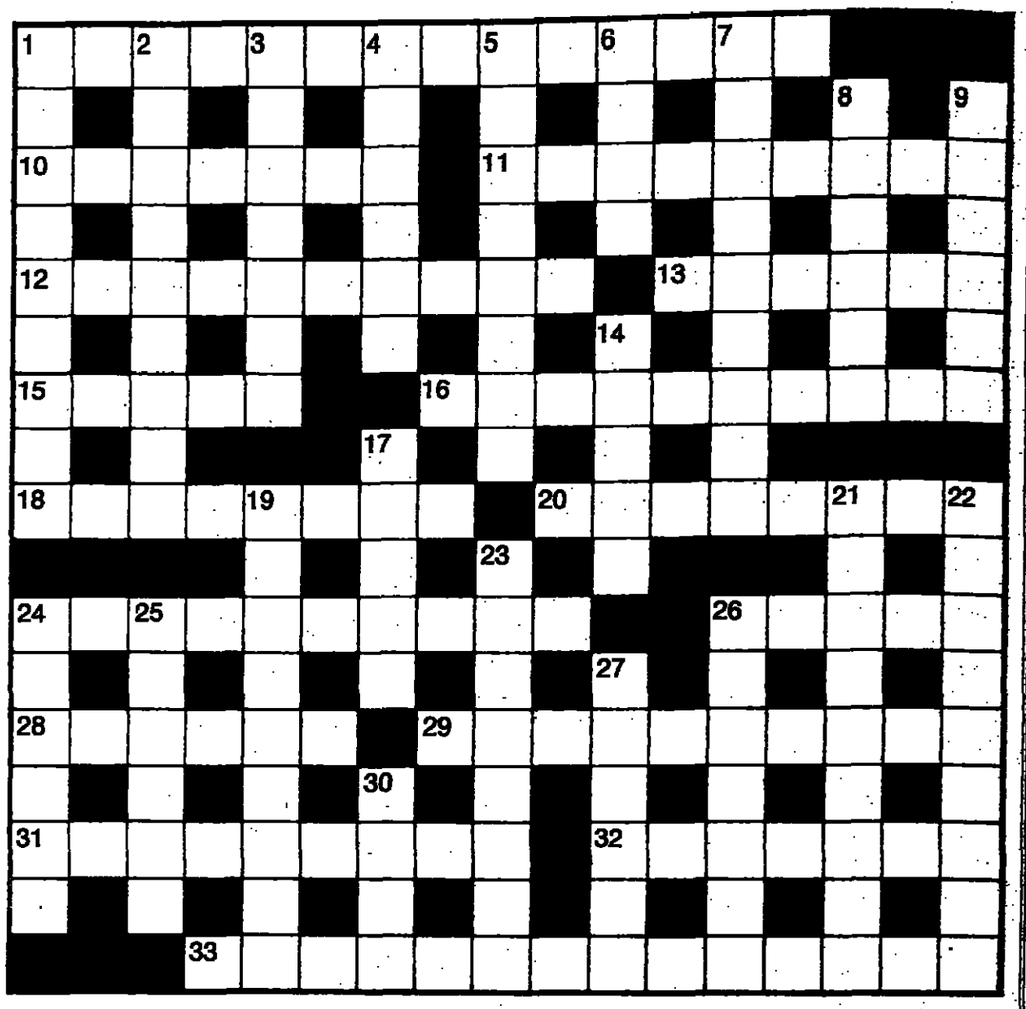
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There's fun to be had off the piste, too

ACROSS

1 Strasbourg delicacy made into a great pie, so fed (4,2,4,4)
10 A little bit of French toast? (7)
15 Stuck in Candide, asks for suggestions (5)

DOWN

1 Protective cover needed for some rugby players getting old (9)
2 Start to tell Jean Jacques what a bride needs (9)
3 In France, said a woman's showing states of indecision (7)

HERTFORDSHIRE

LEAVSDEN GREEN
Nr Watford. Det period cottage. 4 lge bdrms, lge lnge + exposed beams, lge entrance hall + fireplace, dinner hall to mod bathrm, cellar, mod kit. C/H, pvt drive to dble gge, yard standing at rear for 5 cars. lge gdn with mature fruit trees. 15 mins Hatton cary access M1/M25. F/H £143,000 ono. No agents. 0923 672582

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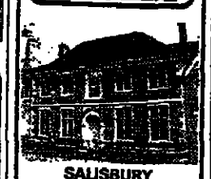
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I have been feverishly turning glossy pages, testing the scratch-and-sniff samples and, having just returned from a rather muddy pig-feeding session, those around me tell me the whole house smells as Harrods' perfume hall would if Alice, the large black sow, had spent a night in it. But no matter; I must press on. A life depends on it.

Prudence, our Red Poll cow, has calved again, and mother and baby bull calf are doing well, thank you. In fact, they are doing rather too well. Prudence, you may remember, was bought from a dairy herd where her whole system had been geared to producing copious gallons of milk. But now that she has only one calf of limited appetite to feed, and as I do not wish to be shackled to a twice-daily milking routine, Prudence has got an udder which gets tighter as the days go by. Sometimes I fear it can contain no more and there will be some mighty explosion, like a bomb going off in a clotted cream factory.

Not that it is likely to happen, my vet tells me, for cows have a remarkable ability to adjust supply to demand; a talent which our agricultural policy-makers have yet to learn. Providing she is not overfed, the cow will absorb the surplus milk, leaving enough for her calf and no more, and then the udder, which now looks as tight as the skin on a guardsman's kettledrum, will go deliciously slack, and I can stop fretting.

The only snag is that, being a mean farmer, I cannot bear to see all that lovely milk go to waste and so I have decided to buy an extra calf and persuade Prudence to foster it. I hope that my greed is not going to be that little calf's downfall.

I chose a lovely red calf, exactly the same colour as Prudence's natural offspring, and put them all together in a shed to see what would happen. Compassion allowed the resulting circus to run for only five minutes before I decided to call a halt lest someone got hurt.



Prudence was born with great character, body and intelligence, but is not blessed with manners. She has no mechanism for letting you know that she has other things to be doing: she has no facility for saying, "Well, I must be getting on then ..." Instead, she drops her head, aims it well into the belly of the unwelcome new calf, and tosses it in the air till it lands, winded. And that is just for starters. When the poor little mite tries to head for the udder, as is its natural inclination, if she cannot butt it she will kick it. But the little calf never gives up.

Some would say they should be left to sort it out for themselves, and I have been told this can work; but I doubt it in Prudence's case. I have decided to intervene to help the calf to suck unhindered for at least a few days, for then it will develop Prudence's own scent and she will think of it as her own.

I have a book which advises on the fostering of calves and I have tried tying her back legs together so that she cannot kick. This is fine in theory providing the cow will stand long enough to have the rope attached. I found myself flailing around, rope in hand, grabbing anything that passed with the determination of a sailor aloft a windjammer rounding Cape Horn. It will take a special kind of rope-trick to tame our Prudence.

The other piece of advice was to tie her head high in such a way that she would be so preoccupied with her plight that she would not spot the new youngster sucking. Some hope. I could have haltered her head to the top of the Eiffel Tower but she would still have been able to kick the calf halfway down the Champs Elysées. And the poor little calf is trying so hard. It attempts to fool her by diving in from the rear rather than the side, or standing on her left but aiming for the right-hand teat, but she will have none of it.

As a last resort, I am going to attempt to mask the alien scent of the calf with a heavy perfume which will disrupt her nostrils to such an extent that she will not know the newcomer from her own. The book says it works. That is why it is not a comment on *Vogue* when I tell you I have been taking a copy out to the cowshed and rubbing perfumed pages of it over the young calf's backside.

All I want to hear from Prudence is a resigned, "Come in Chanel No 5, your time is up!"

Angling for world title

Today, five Yorkshire women are hoping to hook gold at the world women's angling championships in Bulgaria

Sandra Halkon-Hunt, a 34-year-old designer and manufacturer of outdoor fashion wear, spent her day off last week catapulting maggots into a lake off the M69. She and the four other members of the England women's angling team were preparing to make sporting history. Today they are in Bulgaria, fishing in the first competition to decide who are the best women anglers in the world. And, unlike in so many other international sports, this England team is in there among the favourites.

You don't have to be an angling aficionado to understand why: just stand at the bankside of the Daiwa-Makin fishery a few miles south of Nuneaton, Warwickshire, and compare the performance of these women to that of the men there.

May Vince, the manager of the England women's team, has chosen the most difficult bank of the lake. ("She likes to torture us," says Anne Pickering, 29, the team's star, wife of Tom, and daughter of Jack Purchase, both former world champions, whose names are spoken in hushed, reverential tones.)

The wind is blowing into the faces of the women anglers, making casting difficult. The men have all chosen the cushy bank, letting the wind do most of the work.

Within an hour, the women's skill has seduced practically every roach, chub and perch in the lake into hurling themselves on to their environmentally friendly barbless hooks. Every few seconds the rods bend under the weight of a hooked fish. One of the fish was "an animal wanting to go walkies", says Mrs Vince, a reference to a beast that snatched the bait from Wendy Locker, a 25-year-old zoo sales co-ordinator, and roared off up the lake before shaking itself free.

On occasions, all five women in the team are fighting to land fish at the same time, and, by the end of the day, they will have caught more than 200.

How do you get to be this good at catching fish? There is a lot of technical stuff much more difficult to master than learning how to catapult maggots into a chosen swim. Besides a good working knowledge of aquatic ecology and the effect of wind and currents on feeding patterns, catching fish requires precision ground-baiting with weird and wonderful mixes.

A good bed of ground bait will attract and hold fish in the area being covered by the angler. Then, maggots are catapulted, ten or 15 at a time, to land around the float. The fish rise to the sinking maggots and, if the angler has done everything else right, they will grab the maggot wriggling on the hook. A hard-working match angler will use up to a gallon of maggots (at £1.80 a pint) during a session.

There is also the human element: first, start learning at the age of seven or so; second, cultivate powers of concentration not normally granted to human beings; third, forget about lunch.

This women's team came from Yorkshire to fish on a scorching July day. (Most champion women anglers come from Yorkshire, and they are not modest about it.) They set up their gear at 10am (including fishing rods, 11 metres long, which can cost more than £6,000 each), and sat on their tackle boxes until 4.30pm without a break. "Lunch," said Mrs Vince, sounding like a *Coronation Street* matriarch, "breaks concentration. Even if you stop for a sandwich. You don't get matchmen stopping to eat."



STEPHEN MARKESON

Rods at the ready, Anne Pickering, Wendy Locker, Sandra Halkon-Hunt, Linda Day and Lynne Baxter line up for a world title

She was talking about her team as matchmen, which is how these anglers want to be recognised. It is a pity, then, that although women have finally broken into the world championships, match angling remains suffocatingly macho.

These five women fishers are all better than most men you are likely to see. But when they went on a television phone-in programme last week, an idiot man asked: "Do you get men to put the maggots on?"

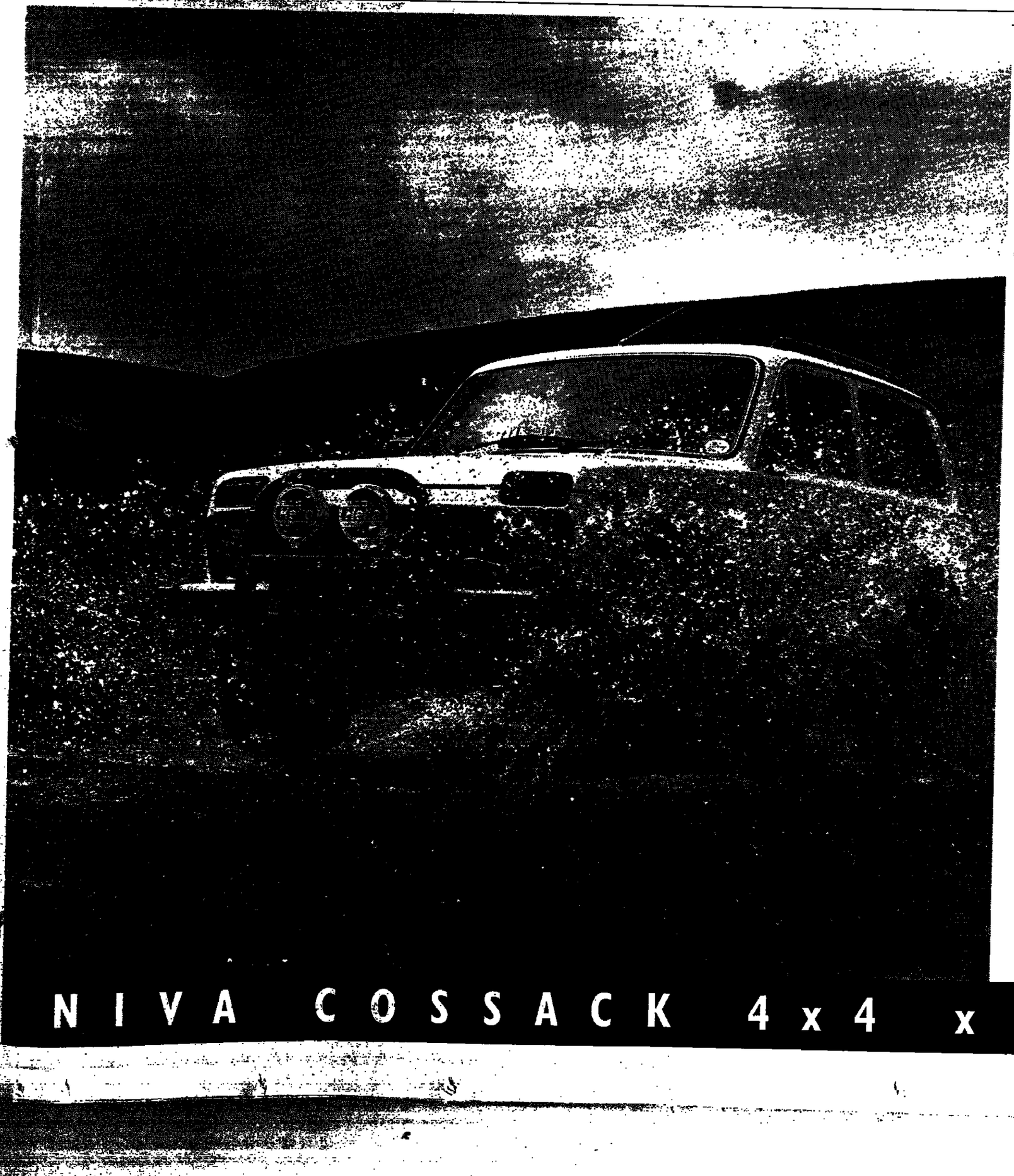
The tackle boxes the team are sitting on carry the advertising slogan: "Best legs in the business." A passing fisheries bailiff says, loud enough for everyone to hear: "Best bums in the business."

The best women anglers in the business don't react. Mrs Halkon-Hunt, winner of the Midland Bank Woman's Award 1993, wipes her fingers dusted in ground bait down her black tights; Mrs Pickering slips yet another fish off her hook; her sister, Linda Day, the manager of Mr Pickering's tackle shop in Doncaster, starts fishing at a new depth; Miss Locker concentrates on her dipping float; Lynne Baxter, a 40-year-old teacher and mother of two children, continues trying to tame a bigger-than-average carp on a line with a 2lb breaking strain.

Mrs Vince, who runs the Twyford Country Centre at Evesham, Worcestershire, says: "The girls want to be accepted as world-class anglers irrespective of their sex. I think their performance at the world championships will go a long way towards that.

"The signs are already there. After all, we are able to go to Bulgaria only because of one wonderful male sponsor who believes in us: a fellow named Mel Wilde, who makes our Octoplus tackle boxes — and would probably give a thumping to anybody he heard giving us lip."

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Let's just fast forward to the meatier passages

The boom in audio books may bring classics to a wider audience but will lead to fewer readers, argues **Giles Gordon**

Much of the point about books is that they are silent. They cannot answer back. If, when reading one, you disagree with the author's thesis, or even with his or her style, and you choose to argue aloud, in the silence of your reading room, you're most likely heading for the funny farm. But what about audio books? Of course the *books* don't speak: the authors' words are read aloud by actors.

I accept that those who are blind are blessed by being able to read many titles in braille, and those with bad eyesight rightly regard large print books as a godsend. I accept that those on interminable solitary car journeys might find the drives less tedious if they can listen to, say, Martin Jarvis energetically reading a three-hour abridgement of *Martin Chuzzlewit* ("now a major BBC TV serial") or Kenneth Branagh flatly ploughing through nine hours of *Pepys' Diary*: both these delights may be experienced this autumn on Hodder Headline Audio Classics.

At the recent launch of Hodder Headline Audiobooks, I spoke to two gentlemen from the Talking Book Shop in Wigmore Street, London. I suggested that the sudden accretion of audio books by competing publishers would, most likely, lead to an upsurge in road accidents. They thought the opposite: if a listener found the abridged audio version of, say, Mary Wesley's *An Imaginative Experience* too exciting for the motorway (Anna Massey makes it sound tremendous stuff, much more upmarket than Barbara Cartland), the driver would pull in and listen until the most dramatic passages had passed.

Platitude has it that men listen to audio cassettes in their motorcars, women while doing the housework. What, I suppose, is irritating about reading a printed book is that you can't easily drive a car or do the ironing at the same time, although you can listen to muzak or Mozart.

Most bookshops now sell audio books. The specialised Talking Book Shop stocks 3,000 titles, the most popular being Lady Thatcher reading *The Downing Street Years*, which sold 15,000 copies. The average price is £8, but the most expensive audio book is Tolkien's *The Lord of the Rings* — 38 cassettes for £99.

It has to be said that the technical quality of Hodder Headline's first releases is outstanding; and the range is wide. Terry Waite reads himself. (At the launch he said that he found it difficult to read in bumpy trains. He now puts on a headset and listens to books. Otherwise he would be experiencing "empty time", a particularly poignant image coming from him. If only he'd had 3,000 audio books plus a headset when over-endowed with "empty time".)

Johnny and Ralphie are revived as Holmes and Watson. Juliet Stevenson reads *Pride and Prejudice* and Emma Tennant's sequels. There's Enid Blyton for the kiddies (I should think so too). Most unexpected, John le Carré (well, his sister is an actress) reads Koestler's *Darkness at Noon*. The reps are said to be clamouring for Headline's sex books to be put on tape, with or without the heavy breathing, but that would surely be too exciting on the road.

In any case, a rival company, Mike Leander's Prelude Audio Books, has just had its launch. Fiona Pitt-Kethley doing the honours. Erotic classics are read by raunchy-voiced actors: Ian McShane articulates Henry Miller's Tropics, Frances Barber purrs *Fanny Hill*, Sylvia Kristel essays *Emmanuelle* and Gabrielle Drake performs *The Kama Sutra*.

The best to be said for the new vogue is that it provides work for many of our actors. The same names tend to occur on most publishers' lists, and they are mainly Branagh and Jarvis, who no doubt are grateful.

If I sound sceptical, I am. If audio cassettes provide additional income for authors (how soon before Public Lending Right is payable?) that's fine, but this burgeoning of somewhat old fashioned technology is likely to lead to fewer *books* being sold: why bother reading the whole thing when you can listen to the meatiest chunks being read to you?

We love our actors dearly, particularly the ubiquitous Jarvis and Branagh, not to mention the knights (Hodder Headline has Sir Laurence and Sir Michael up their sleeves too, as well as Sir Derek as Cadfael) and we used to love our radio drama and adaptations, which these things more or less are.

The imminent proliferation of audio books — with Random House, Bertelsmann, Penguin and Reed all planning launches and promotions — suggests less that the book trade is "diversifying" (that bland verb which usually means "don't know what we're doing but let's have a go") than that it has lost faith in its essential, unique product.

Altered States

Erica Wagner finds an America you've never seen before



Lewis: intriguing debut



Louie: strangers' tales

WILSON, with no myth or miracle to sustain him or help him understand, leaves the blank plains of Nebraska to wander south into Mississippi's verdant heat. He is 17 and an orphan, and he tells us he is a monster too. He is certainly something special, a Green Man for a new age, with a magical garden at his fingertips and the power of love in his soul.

Wilson takes root as the Millers' gardener. Fired for working too hard, he will not leave. He hides in their gazebo, but the vengeful Mr Holiday Miller burns him out, little realising he's only making life worse. A spirit will not be banished so easily. Wilson invades the cellar of the house, and the heart of its youngest daughter, Olivia.

Jim Lewis's first novel is an intriguing debut. He is an accomplished and erudite writer who wears these qualities lightly, making sure they dazzle and amuse rather than bewilder and confuse. The movement of the novel is small — not that much happens — but it doesn't matter. The reader is quite happy to simply be inside Wilson's head, seeing through his unique eyes and wondering what he actually *is*.

His perceptions enchant: and they are so imbued with feeling that they defy disbelief. His seduction of Olivia as she lies cooped up in her bedroom, wasting away with sickness, is delicately handled, avoiding with ease a *Brimstone and Treacle* horror; and his adoration of her (the pure affection of a creature not of this world) contrasts with and counteracts the nameless menace of her ill-named father.

The Millers' magicked garden is a clear echo of Prospero's isle, but one where the mooncalf would seem to be in charge. If you ever wondered, right at the beginning of *The Tempest*, what Miranda can ever have seen in Caliban, now you will understand. But there is no easy resolution here, because there is no real control.

Jim Lewis writes in the peculiar no-man's land between fantasy and reality; if the substance of this novel occasionally seems thin, his writing is strong enough to draw us on.

Lewis's America is voluptuous and surreal; David Wong Louie's version of that country is one in which reality and absurdity lurch alongside each other like convicts chained at the ankle. His volume of short stories, *Pangs of Love*, draws on the experiences of Chinese Americans as strangers in a strange land while managing to avoid, for the most part, the heavy-handedness that can be the burden of this kind of song.

In "Displacement", set in the self-righteous 1950s, Mrs Chow works for an abusive widow without ever letting on to her employer that she does, in fact, speak English. "Disturbing the Universe" takes us back to the building of the Great Wall of China with delicacy and authenticity and shows us that the monuments we erect and the gods we believe in are always different yet always the same.

Louie's hand only slips when he is trying to be bizarre: way-out in a fashion that perhaps he thinks expresses the modern American predicament. There is a man who keeps his dead wife in a bathtub full of ice in here, and lovers who drink their blood mixed with sake. It doesn't quite work. Nor do the nuclear-anxiety tales, which seem somehow dated.

Louie doesn't seem to have the courage of his convictions on this sort of ground: he is better with the volume a little lower, with the conversations that happen in the backs of cars, with a cake made secretly for an absent son.

It is this kind of writing that shows Louie's real talent, and makes us look forward to his next work.

■ SISTER
By Jim Lewis
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■ PANGS OF LOVE
By David Wong Louie
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This 1932 poster for *Mickey's Nightmare* is just one of more than 100 illustrations in *The Disney Poster*, edited by Christine Archibald, £16.99 from Little, Brown

Teaching a pet buzzard to hunt

On a wing and a prayer

FALCONERS in the past have mainly been kings, Holy Roman Emperors or Japanese empresses. Not so any longer. This book is the diary of a young hack journalist who taught an American red-tailed buzzard to fly for him at his parents' cottage deep in the Cotswolds.

Daniel Butler's dream of owning a hawk began when he was a ten-year-old boy and rescued a kestrel with a strained wing — only to see it fly away three weeks later, trailing its leash and almost certain to die tangled up in a tree.

When he bought his buzzard for £425 at the age of 28, he was determined to do better. He read all the books he could find — especially T. H. White's classic, *The Goshawk*. He bought some double-buckskin gloves for himself and some jesses, or leg-straps, for the bird.

On the October morning when the buzzard arrived, it shot out of its cardboard box like a volcano, landed in the corner of the room and turned: "His pale eyes were brimming with hatred, his black beak hooked and open, the feet that are a hawk's main weapons ready to strike."

Nevertheless, Daniel slowly taught his bird to come to his gloved fist for a dismembered chick or a rabbit thigh. He named him Sioux (after the Johnny Cash song "A boy named Sue"). Once he was "footed" by him — in a careless moment, he let Sioux's needle-sharp claws sink into his thumb, and had to tear them out. He let him fly round the garden on a long line called a creance. He released him — and his bird came flying back to his fist.

As a bonus, he discovered some strange countryside when he was looking for places to train his bird, and stumbled across some interesting local characters.

So far, a success story. But what Sioux would not do was catch anything. Spring came, and he still showed no interest in hunting. By the end of the book he has killed one mouse, one rat, and one small rabbit.

Daniel Butler tells his story modestly and humorously, though he tends to pad it out with details of his drinking neighbours, his tax returns and so on.

And he is not daunted. Sioux, I learn from his publishers, has now escaped and is flying wild around Oxfordshire — but Daniel is living in Wales, and bringing up a falcon.

DERWENT MAY

■ THE RED TAIL: Sharing the Seasons with a Hawk
By Daniel Butler
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A buzzard named Sioux

Police corruption? It's a fair cop

BAIT is set in a circle of Boston corruption, with cops and mob so close as to be indistinguishable: "They keep the same hours, eat the same bad food, and even talk the same."

Remarkably, it is a first novel. No novice errors here: as an exemplar of genre writing, Abel shows that it's not the cards you hold that matters, it's how you lay 'em down. *Bait*'s chain of events depends less on narrative synopsis than accident, a wintry sense of everyday authenticity, and the emotional debit and credit of complicated lives in their unravelling. In a way, it's closer to acting than conventional novel writing, with the writer interpreting character via gesture and speech.

The elements of Abel's story collide in an opening car crash. The victim is the son of the head of the local mafia, out in his birthday Mazda. The man responsible is a drunk-driving narcotics cop, nursing a bad conscience and a fractured marriage. Killing the boy earns him a limp, early retirement and sworn revenge from the boy's father.

On one level, *Bait* is a simple story of a long recuperation — of a man coming to terms with past cover-ups and betrayals — which turns into the classic one of the scapegoat, staked out to lure the predator. On another level, it's a complicated set of bureaucratic moves, with various Federal parties monitoring the mafia's monitoring of the cops' moves, a tense game of legal cat and mouse.

The distinguishing element which puts the book into a superior bracket is the surprising amount of deadpan humour where you don't expect it.

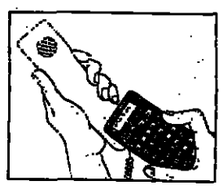
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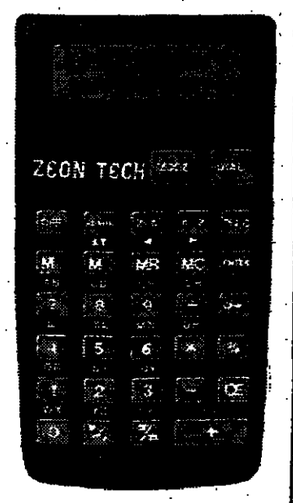
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Derwent May reviews the critics

5/5 Pleasure ratings are awarded to a maximum of five. Column centimetres indicate the length of reviews to date in national broadsheet newspapers

4/5 Smitten with Lytton: There was widespread praise in 1991 for Andrew Roberts's biography of Lord Halifax, but his second book *Eminent Churchillians* (Weidenfeld, £20) provoked some splutters. It attacks various figures "illustrative" of Churchill's era — George VI, Mountbatten, Walter Monckton and Arthur Bryant — and the title claims comparison with Lytton Strachey's *Eminent Victorians*. In *The Daily Mail*, Niall Fergusson said it "very nearly outdoes" Strachey's "masterpiece of malice" — and that the author does outdo Strachey in his scholarship. In *The Times* Sarah Bradford called it "an essential reappraisal of British myths". In *The Sunday Times*, Anthony Howard found it "splendidly caustic", while in *The Evening Standard* Max Egremont thought it "good history and good fun".

However, in *The Spectator* Peregrine Worsthorne declared the "strictures on George VI unfair to the point of absurdity" — Roberts, though "brilliant", was making not "bricks without straw, but mud without dirt". Malcolm Rutherford in *The Financial Times* said that Roberts "specialised in soft targets". As for Roy Jenkins in *The Daily Telegraph*, he deplored equally the title, the scholarship, and "the drip of constant denigration".
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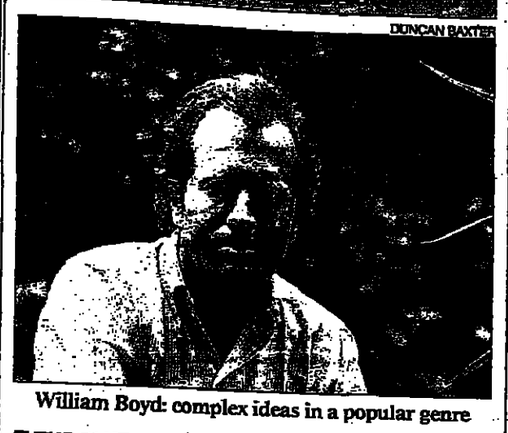
2/5 Stars and Bras: "Such a heap of nonsense is extremely entertaining," said Kate Saunders in *The Sunday Times* of Barbara Cartland's seventh autobiography, *I Reach for the Stars* (Robson, £14.95). "Sublimely dotty," agreed Susannah Herbert in *The Sunday Telegraph*. But in *The Evening Standard* all that Lord Lambton could comment was: "A sad jumble."
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Boyd is an accomplished storyteller and like Graham Greene, whom stylistically he closely resembles, he frequently uses the techniques of popular fiction — narrative drive, suspense, glamorous locations — in order to explore complex ideas.

His last novel, the racy *Brazzaville Beach*, was full of speculations about philosophy and quantum mechanics, while this highly accessible offering is an adventure story which, contrary to the genre, is forever pausing to ask difficult questions about the nature of love and human relationships.

Part murder mystery, part romance, it is set mostly in the Philippines in the early years of this century and tells of Dr Salvador Carriscant's obsessive quest to find the daughter he has never seen and the mistress from whom he was disastrously separated 30 years earlier after being imprisoned for the murder of her husband (his guilt is never proved).

Sustained by an inextinguishable love, Carriscant's search takes him to Singapore, Los Angeles and Lisbon, but it also takes him on a long internal journey into the past, forcing him to recall his early years as a surgeon, his failed first marriage and, more acutely painful, those radiant moments with his lost love which he knows can never be recaptured.



■ SAFE IN THE KITCHEN
By Aisling Foster
Penguin, £5.99

It is 1919, and the representatives of rebellious uprisings in both Ireland and Russia meet by chance on a fund-raising trip to America. Among the Irish delegates is Rita Fitzgerald, a young bride experiencing some difficulties in the first month of her marriage to a staunch Republican politician. Into her life comes Nina, a hirsute Russian whose uninhibited sexuality seduces and changes Rita forever. When Nina lends her friend the Russian crown jewels at the end of their trip, she unwittingly provides the inspiration for a secret life which will sustain Rita throughout the torments of a dismal marriage back home in suburban Dublin. Compulsive.

■ MICHAEL, MICHAEL
By Wendy Perriam
Flamingo, £5.99

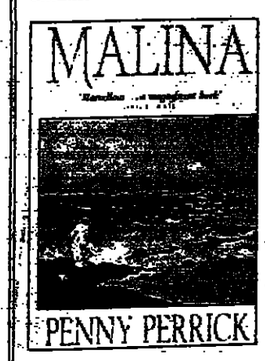
Tessa Reeves is 18 years old and in her first year at Oxford when Dr Michael Edwards knocks her down on May Day morning in his scarlet MG. Handsome and suave, he offers her breakfast by way of apology, and proceeds to make love to her in full view of passers by in the Oxfordshire countryside. By the time that Tessa finds out that Michael views her as no more than a casual fling, she is pregnant. What starts out as a straightforward love story gains an extra patina of sorrow from subsequent events.

■ THE TRIPLE MIRROR
By Arthur Ghose
Bloomsbury, £6.99

The slaughter of indigenous peoples in the Brazilian rainforest, political upheaval in Peru, and the battle for Indian independence are themes combined in a novel that is thought-provoking but never preachy. Ghose is a master realist, presenting characters and scenes with stunning visual and psychological subtlety. Plots constantly cross, and complement each other, ensuring a fast-paced read, without losing sight of the central theme: the struggle for personal identity during the birth-pains and death-throes of nations.

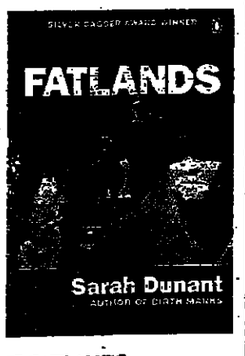
■ ROUND IN CIRCLES
By Jim Schnabel *Penguin, £6.99*

So great is our yearning for transcendence that when the Wiltshire crop circles first began to appear many people seized on them as evidence of extra-terrestrial communication. Schnabel, a coolly sceptical journalist, spent several summers as part of a wandering international circus of scientists, occultists, pranksters and policemen who were all searching for the story behind the eerily symmetrical formations. It is a highly amusing tale, featuring bemused Japanese broadcasters, canny hoaxers and nights spent in damp fields waiting for alien craft. Yet is is also one tinged with melancholy, reminding us of man's loneliness in this unfathomable universe.



■ MALINA
By Penny Perrick
Bantam, £4.99

Rose Erris is a wild 12-year-old enjoying the freedoms of Connemara when her rare beauty and horse-taming skills first attract the dubious attentions of Charles Trewin. At first she is charmed by her English husband's opulent life, and by Malina, his cold and forbidding home, but gradually she comes to understand the demons which drove Trewin's first wife to suicide. Is Trewin's harsh treatment of Rose a symbol of the English oppression of Ireland? Perrick raises the possibility, but avoids the trap of imposing too many layers of meaning on what is essentially a lightweight romance.



■ FATLANDS
By Sarah Dunant
Penguin, £4.99

Earnest Hannah Wolfe is perhaps the most politically correct private investigator currently trailing around the country in search of minor villains. Staunchly feminist, she lives in north London, drives a beat-up VW and enjoys the odd bowl of brown rice. Here she investigates the activities of the Animal Liberation Front as she attempts to uncover the motives behind the murder of the daughter of a senior research scientist. The plot, written in the shadow of the BSE scare, is lively and should appeal to vegetarians. But as a narrator Wolfe is cocky, self-justifying and rather hard to like.

● *Contributors: Jason Cowley, Helen Davidson, Giles Coren*

A funny thing happened when a marriage broke up, but why was the darker side suppressed, asks **Polly Toynbee**

Divorced from reality

■ EVERY WOMAN DESERVES AN ADVENTURE
By Yvonne Roberts
Macmillan £9.99

WHAT can a woman do when she's been married, monogamously and monotonously, for 20 years and finds her husband is engaged on yet another secret affair? Kay is 44, her children have gone, she doesn't feel particularly attractive or particularly good at anything.

But she does have a bunch of exceedingly weird (and exceedingly unlikely) strong feminist friends. One takes her to a workshop on orgasms. Another employs her to make tatty jewellery for exhorbitant sums, while demonstrating to her how easy it is to have a kept man, the way men have mistresses. Yet another runs a kind of woman's Playboy organisation, called Venus, and thrusts upon her an astonishing array of sensual and sexual experiences, while paying her large sums as a journalist.

In other words, Kay does not face the sort of real problems of fear of loneliness, poverty, lack of sex, lack of excitement, or fulfilling work, hope of change and challenge for the future, that make many middle-aged women despair when their marriages fall apart. So in the end Kay summons up the courage to leave her philandering but clinging husband, who continues to lie through his teeth, as more of his past misdemeanours unfold. But then this isn't a book about the real world, although it is about real enough problems, artfully debated with wit and style.

How important is sex, for instance? Anyone "happily married" for many years would be obliged to say sex wasn't that important, compared with companionship, love, trust and so on. Anyone newly engaged in a passionate affair would have to say it was very important indeed, and married folk fool themselves as they suppress the memory of their early years of sexual intoxication. Can you survive marriage and adultery? Can women break free and behave like men, seeking sexual encounters without strings?

There aren't, of course, answers to these questions in this book, because there aren't answers to be had anywhere.

Yvonne Roberts is a sharp-eyed novelist, caustic, full of Nora Ephron/Erica Jong type one-liners, heavily influenced, I would guess, by American women wits of this "one woman speaks out" genre. Realism and fantasy blend a little uneasily here and there, unsure in tone sometimes whether this is essentially very upmarket sex-and-shopping with added jokes and ideas, or whether this is a book born out of the pain and anguish of experience, and genuine seeking for solutions. Somewhere underneath the jauntiness lurks, one suspects, a much heavier novel she is anxious to suppress. This is a first novel from an excellent journalist, an enjoyable read, but next time out she may find a little more confidence in her own voice, rather than seeking out a genre to hide behind.

● *Yvonne Roberts is to be interviewed on* Woman's Hour *on Radio 4 on Monday.*


Yvonne Roberts: sharp-eyed, caustic and full of one-liners

Apocalypse now

Thriller that grips like Indiana Jones without the jokes

■ THE JUDAS TESTAMENT
By Daniel Easterman
HarperCollins $14.99

THERE's nothing like a whiff of Armageddon to whet the imagination's appetite.

Those thrillers which manage to get beyond the wearisome "Wham-bam, thank you ma'am" sex and shoot-out formula of the routine spies-and-robbers romp do so by one of two means: either the sheer quality of economically observant writing, or a quantum leap of the imagination that sets its characters on a stage of apocalyptic dimensions and at least an illusion of universal relevance. The best, of course, do both. Many try; few succeed. Easterman is one of the few.

This is the sort of book that mega-seller Jack Higgins might hope to write when he grows up. Its scale is both human and fantastic, its duplicities tortuous yet veering on the credible, its protagonists cut out of more than just cardboard. The title is a misnomer, I can only suppose deliberately, to avoid the possibility of causing offence through entitling it "The Jesus Scroll". I will say no more that could reveal any of the book's skilfully intertwined secrets, except that perhaps it would be nice to have a book with German characters that did not have the Führer peeping over every horizon. But then, with apocalypse on the menu, there are few better spectres.

This is no flaw-free masterpiece, however; there are aggravating little mistakes in detail and language in what is, however, an otherwise realistic excursion into the dark side of the new order uncertainly emerging in eastern Europe. Easterman plays intelligent games in a populist context with the difficult theme of the Judaeo-Christian symbiosis. This is an author who is not afraid to challenge our prejudices any more than he is afraid to kill off some of his lovingly created characters.

Easterman's background as an Ulsterman with a passion for Egyptology is as good a recipe as I can imagine for a writer of bloodthirsty block-busters with a macro-historical perspective. Particularly since the end of the Cold War, it is a genre with a future, not to mention a past that owes as much to Conan Doyle and Rider Haggard as it does to Ian Fleming. Easterman has already mined deeply but on the basis of this book, the seam is far from exhausted.

Many of the episodes have a cinematic quality — Indiana Jones without the jokes — that deserves to be exploited on the big screen. W H Smith has put Easterman on its "guaranteed thumping good read" list for this summer. I for one will not be asking for my money back.

PETER MILLAR

● Name of the Beast *by Daniel Easterman is published this month in paperback by HarperCollins, price £4.99.*

Faith, hope and clarity

■ A SINGLE TEAR
By Wu Ningkun
Sceptre, £5.99)

OF ALL the remarkable things about Wu Ningkun's account of 30 years of abuse in communist China, the most remarkable of all is his enduring faith in that country and its people. "A newer China is yet to appear, but appear it will, with a new heaven and a new earth!" he declares in his epilogue. Yet this after his fellow countrymen have denounced, humiliated and persecuted him for most of his adult life.

Like the more famous Jung Chang's *Wild Swans*, *A Single Tear* is a compelling personal history, a home movie of a book that zooms in from the panorama of collective chaos, cruelty and tragedy that is modern Chinese history.

The book's central irony clings, sickly, to the narrator throughout: that it was his very devotion to China, his decision in 1951 to return from a promising academic career in America, that becomes his worst crime. The hysterical double-think of party officials leads them to assume he returned to spy, not to serve.

A Single Tear lacks the historical richness in which *Wild Swans* luxuriated, thanks to its dynastic storyline. It also misses out on the complexity of Jung Chang's self-revelatory journey, the slow discovery of someone from within the party system that the system is rotten. Wu Ningkun knew from the start that what was happening to him was wrong. He knew his thoughts needed no reform. So this book is, quite simply, an account of survival, of keeping faith with oneself and with life.

For Wu, this meant, above all else, keeping faith with literature, and his beloved *Hamlet*. During the first of his two stints of hard labour, he comes to the conclusion that the real question is not to be or not to be, but how to be worthy of one's suffering.

The women and children suffered too. While the men were carted off from labour camp to detention centre to famine-striken village, the wives were left, against the odds, to hold together broken families. Wu Ningkun's wife, Li Yikai, plays a central role in this drama, occasionally taking over the narration to tell her and her children's story. Suffering from her husband's denunciation, she somehow dragged her family through famine and continued to fight for visiting rights. She realised more than anyone the importance of maintaining the emotional links of family.

But the real hero of this book is literature. It is Wu's "thousand poems here to keep me company in exile" that shine through. At one point, shocked at rollcall by the sheer number of his fellow inmates at the Beijing Municipal Detenion Centre, Wu recites silently to himself: "I had not thought death had undone so many." And then we believe that, truly, there never was such a wasted land as China.

GILL MORGAN

Waugh battles for children

■ THE MENNYMS
By Sylvia Waugh
Red Fox, £2.99

■ MENNYMS IN THE WILDERNESS
By Sylvia Waugh
Julia Macrae, £9.99

THE arrival of Sylvia Waugh in the world of children's books has been rather like the appearance of a rainbow after a storm. Her first book, *The Mennyms*, came at a time when children's writers were still gloomily digging away at social problems.

In contrast, *The Mennyms* has all the humour and imaginative vigour of old-fashioned stories like *The Borrowers*. "A brilliant first novel", and "Weird, witty and wonderfully original" were some of the kind things critics wrote at the time. With publication of her second book, *Mennyms in the Wilderness*, there is no doubt that for anyone over the age of eight, Waugh has struck a chord with her family of life-sized dolls who, although socially isolated on account of their origins, are nevertheless kinder, braver, cleverer and more resourceful than many human beings.

Waugh, the mother of three grown-up children, a retired teacher and no relation at all to the Somerset literary clan, works within the miniaturised world of home, contrasting it to the larger one outside.

Home for the Waugh family is a three-bedroomed semi in suburban Gateshead which, like 5 Brocklehurst Grove, the constantly threatened home of the Mennyms, is comfortably provincial. At 58, Waugh is neat, precise and an attentive listener. This is often said about schoolteachers but in her case, you are aware of talking to one who would not let anything slip by for the sake of an easy answer. She made it plain that she took early retirement mainly because she had found that "controlling children had become more vital than educating them".

Waugh found the wellsprings of *The Mennyms* in her own childhood. The tale was concocted when she remembered Googles, the baby doll she cherished in wartime Gateshead. And like the rest of the Mennym family, Googles never grows any older.

Once written, *The Mennyms* moved with a speed that would be the envy of many a professional author. Accepted within four days, within a fortnight the rights were sold to five different countries including Japan. There are to be six books altogether. In her introduction to *Mennyms in the Wilderness*, she quotes from W B Yeats: "Tread softly because you tread on my dreams." Treading softly, she says, means not turning children's dreams into nightmares.

MAUREEN OWEN


Women in the Second World War are celebrated in *We Just Got On With It*, by Bette Anderson, £17.95 from Picton

Awaiting the postman's knock

The reappearance of a missing mailbag awakens dormant ghosts

■ SEASON OF THE RAINBIRDS
By Nadeem Aslam
Abacus, £5.99

NADEEM Aslam is now at work on his second novel. I hope that he is also at work on his third, for his first effort is exquisite. It is no wonder it won him the 1994 Betty Trask award. Three years short of 30, and born in Pakistan, he is the newest of a tribe of writers from the sub-continent which has brought to English fiction an uncommon poise.

Season of the Rainbirds chronicles 11 days in a small town in Pakistan, in the time of the late (and rightly unlamented) General Zia-ul-haq. Aslam does not identify his town by name; he has no need to do so. Let us call it Everytown, the kind that exists in — but does not adorn — that vast swathe of territory from West Punjab to East Bengal. There is in Hobson-Jobson a perfect word to describe it: "mofussil" (from the Arabic *mufassal*). It signifies a number of qualities that one associates with the provincial, and is the geographical and cultural counterpoint to the metropolitan. A mofussil town is the sort of place where "if the postman likes a stamp he tears it off, and the letter arrives in an envelope which has one corner missing".

And it is the letter which here disconcerts. A postbag, believed lost in a train crash two decades ago, reappears mysteriously, giving rise to fear of ghosts from a tarnished past. In the fraught few days before the postman knocks, men and women open themselves as carefully as they would some precious envelope. Yet they do so to the pulse of their own joyless rituals and prejudice, with all the timorousness of the closed-minded.

Aslam's Everytown is an ashen place, where the buildings are "charmless" and the landowners guard their feudal rights like fierce Alsatians. There is a suffocating sense of hierarchy, both social and religious, on which the complaisant mullahs bestow their blessing. Christians — who in Pakistan are people of the lowest castes who converted in search of a more benign theology — are despised. And Azhar, the police officer, is despised doubly, for he has taken a Christian girl, Elizabeth Massih (whose surname means "messiah") as his mistress. Aslam traces their relationship with a poignant economy, contrasting its serenity with the revulsion it provokes. The ill-starred Elizabeth does not belong in the mofussil, and there cannot be a reader who will not want to offer her asylum.

TUNKU VARADARAJAN

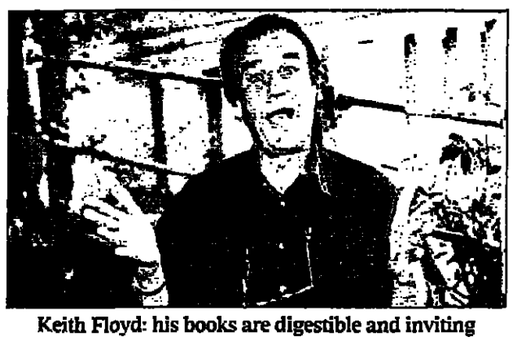
Travels with my mighty wok

■ FAR FLUNG FLOYD: Keith Floyd's Guide to South-East Asian Food
By Keith Floyd
Penguin, £9.99

■ FLOYD ON ITALY
By Keith Floyd
Michael Joseph, £16.99

KEITH Floyd did not enjoy parts of his Asian tour at all. He found Hong Kong depressing: cooking tiger prawns against a backdrop of hustling locals, he was "... talking with a rapidity that surprised even me; and if you see the scene on television: NO, I'm not pissed, just fired up by a bunch of shits".

He loves Italy, its people, its cheeses, its truffles. Yet it is the paperback *Far Flung Floyd* ("as seen on TV" last year) which reflects his wonderful enthusiasm for food while the hardback *Floyd on Italy*, the companion to the current BBC2 series and already in the bestseller lists (see left), seems unusually subdued.


Keith Floyd: his books are digestible and inviting

Far Flung Floyd, travelling to and through Malaysia, Hong Kong, Vietnam and Thailand with the "mighty BBC wok machine", can be read as if it were a novel, absorbing tips and recipes as you go. Each destination has its own section with notes on the cooking of the region as well as Floyd's as-not-seen-on-TV reflections on the locals, the hotels, the cooking sketches. About half way through the 208-page book is the useful A Note on Ingredients — from Aubergine (Baby Green and Pea) to Zerumbet (a variety of ginger) — and the recipes that follow are divided into groups: soups, rice and noodles, fish and shellfish, curries etc.

Floyd on Italy by contrast is almost a straight recipe book. From the contents page, bare except for pictures of basil, garlic and tomatoes, the reader plunges into the uncategorised recipes (the first is for a Piedmont garlic dip "for those who like to remain permanently unsociable"). There are lots of unnecessary pictures, with what Floyd aptly describes as "corny captions".

The recipes in both books are terrific, as digestible and inviting as the author's talking versions. Keep *Floyd on Italy* in the kitchen and take *Far Flung Floyd* to bed.

BRIGID CALLAGHAN

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TV teams join rally line-up

Kevin Eason meets competitors in the Cape-to-Cape Challenge

IT IS A pity Michaela Strachan never managed to get a job on *Blue Peter*. The bubbly young woman who smiles constantly between the cartoons at unearthly hours on Saturday morning television is taking part in the Cape-to-Cape Challenge, a 3,700-mile drive from southern Spain to northern Sweden that starts on August 14. With *Blue Peter* experience, she could have stayed at home, having made a Cape-to-Cape Challenge earlier from old washing-up bottles and sticky tape.

Instead, Ms Strachan faces the prospect of a daunting non-stop rally over five days with her co-driver, another children's television presenter, Steve Johnson of *Terror Towers*. The space in their Rover will be too confined for them to "gunge" each other if boredom strikes, and their smiles may well feel stretched as the hours and the miles roll by. Any impatience that does surface may well be captured for posterity: their journey is to be filmed for weekday children's ITV and for a programme called *Gimme 5* starting on Saturday morning next week.



Tabatha McCree has set her sights on a record

Celebrity line-up: from left, Adrian Rose, Danniella Westbrook, Michaela Strachan and Steve Johnson

Ms Strachan's car is one of two being featured on ITV. The second is being driven by Danniella Westbrook, formerly of *EastEnders*, and Adrian Rose, who is producing the television coverage.

Twenty-eight teams, all British, will be racing along Europe's roads from Cape Tarifa at the southernmost tip of Spain to Nordkapp at the top of Sweden. Most of the trip is through Spain and France, along already well-worn holiday travel routes. Where the challenge comes in is in getting to the finish line first while travelling at legal speeds. The team that spends the most time moving is likely to be first home. Stopping to eat, drink and rest will put a dent in driving schedules. Members of each team will take it in turns to drive and to navigate.

Ms Strachan, 28, has been working out so that she will be fit enough for the trip. *The Guinness Book of Records*' time for the journey is 127 hours, 44 minutes, and that is what the teams will be trying to beat. Ms Strachan is under no illusions about how tense the challenge will be.

"While one drives, the other will be navigating. My biggest fear is how I will survive without sleep," she says. "We'll only have time for about four hours sleep each. Normally I like about eight hours."

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If Ms Strachan hears the whistle of a nearby turbo-charger, it could be the three women in the team sponsored by *The Times* who will be driving a Ford Escort Cosworth.

Readers may recall an interview in June with Tabatha McCree, who works in this newspaper's advertising department. She, her sister Lindsay Sartori and their friend Judy Harrison make up the only all-women team.

"We think we have a good chance of breaking the current records," Ms McCree says. "We just need to make our ferry crossing to Scandinavia on time and we will be fine."

The £800 entry fee has been paid by *The Times*, and the trio have found further sponsorship from the RAC, Marks and Spencer, Brittany Ferries, Nokia, Mobil and Cosworth Engineering, among others. Ms McCree estimates the cost will be close to £4,000. *The Times* team hopes to raise £3,000 for the Anthony Nolan Trust: the 28 teams are expected to raise about £100,000 between them for charity.

Any attempt to go for a high-speed run will be rumbled because each car is fitted with a tachometer. Breaking the speed limits results in disqualification.

Ms McCree admits that she will find restraining an Escort Cosworth, which is capable of sprinting from a standing start to 60mph in 5.7 seconds, a little tricky. But her team has been given lessons by Drive and Survive, a driver training company, so they know how to handle one of the most potent packages on the road.

Ms Strachan, meanwhile, will be travelling in the kind of car used by middle managers all over Britain — but middle managers normally get to stop for a cup of coffee and a stretch of the legs. Ms Strachan, Ms McCree and the others just will not have the time.

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Beautiful invaders

Oil tanks and other eyesores can be concealed by carefully placed plants, says **George Plumptre**, The Times Gardener

Large, invasive plants in a small garden can be a problem. They smother other plants, and hog light and moisture. However, in the right place — and with the right, robust treatment — such plants can be a bonus.

I have one, a *Lavatera* 'Barnsley', which grows at one corner of the house. The ground there is dry and it is a spot which catches nasty, swirling winds. Most important, the plant screens the 500-gallon oil tank, which is 6ft high and would otherwise be an intrusive eyesore, visible from most parts of the garden.

From a dense skirt of growth at ground level, the long stems of the lavatera make a rounded bush, which at this time of year has a reached a spread and height of more than 5ft. In summer and autumn, the tank is screened from view, and from early July until well into September the long stems of the plant are covered in white flowers with pink centres, their shape distinctive of the mallow family, to which the plant belongs.

This particular lavatera was found by Rosemary Verey, the gardening writer, in Gloucestershire. It was raised commercially, and introduced in 1985, by Hopleys nursery in Hertfordshire, which named it after Mrs Verey's renowned garden at Barnsley House, near Cirencester. In 1986 the Royal Horticultural Society, recognising it as an important new plant, gave it an Award of Merit.

Although not as invasive as the more common *Lavatera rosea*, it is vigorous and needs careful siting among other plants. It can also withstand some neglect and ill treatment. Earlier this year I discovered that our labrador, a compulsive digger, had almost removed the plant from the ground, exposing much of the root structure. Replanted and secured to a stake, it re-established itself.

Although not tender, *Lavatera* 'Barnsley' is susceptible to frost, which may kill off new growth. This can leave it looking ragged in spring, and encouraged me to prune back the stems of my plant at the end of March. Thus encouraged, the plant put out strong growth through the summer and has produced denser flowering than last year, when I gave it only a light trim. I also trim the plant after flowering in the autumn.

In my garden, the lavatera makes a focal point at the end of a border. The shrub's flowers and leaves alternate with the border plants, most of which are small perennials that flower in spring and early summer, such as different pulmonarias with blue, pink and white flowers. When they are in flower, the lavatera provides a backdrop of foliage.

The border itself contains an invasive candidate, which needs to be controlled: a late-summer flowering anemone, which covered much of the ground when we came here two years ago. From its appearance with pinky flowers, it is a form of the Japanese anemone *Anemone x hybrida*.

This anemone is a popular garden plant because its dense leaves continue for much of the year and it flowers well into the autumn. But it spreads strongly through a tough root system and I have to remove new plants as they appear in unwanted places and threaten to overcome some of the smaller plants I have introduced.

In the garden's main southeast-facing border I have achieved success in controlling another aggressor: *Acanthus mollis*, whose common name is "bear's breeches". When we came here, this acanthus covered much of the border and its large, luxuriant green leaves threatened any less vigorous neighbours. I moved the few acanthus that I retained to the back of the border in March, and I have allowed other plants to grow in front, while the handsome 5ft spikes of white and purple flowers show well against the brick wall behind from July until September.

In our garden, the robustness of plants such as *Lavatera* 'Barnsley' and *Acanthus mollis* are also invaluable during the summer, for reasons human, not horticultural: the start of the summer holidays.

Earlier this year I wrote optimistically about controlling the games played by our children. During the past few weeks there has been a barrage of cricket and tennis, and the discovery of frogs in the main border has encouraged a lot of tramping among the plants. Many have succumbed, but the lavatera, acanthus and the anemones have all withstood the onslaught.

DES JENSON



From July until September, *Lavatera* 'Barnsley' is covered in white flowers with pink centres



The lavatera in George Plumptre's garden screens his oil tank

WEEKEND TIPS

- *Pull up the plants of early peas, and plant winter cabbage or late leeks in the same ground.*
- *Sow spring cabbage during the first ten days of August.*
- *Propagate pelargoniums, using 3in unflowered shoots.*
- *Cut anthemis plants to the ground and give them a good soaking to produce a second flowering in September.*
- *Make sure that Michaelmas daisies are well watered to ensure health through autumn.*

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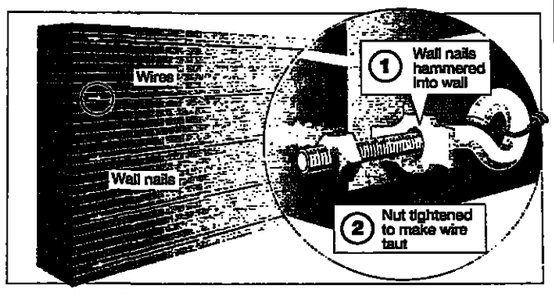
Q **Twenty years ago a landscape gardener fitted wires to the house wall for climbing plants. They were tightened and closed off very neatly by twisting. I want to add further wires but can find no one to repeat the exercise. Is some sort of tool needed? — S.F. Batstone, Bath.**

A It needs skill to get such wires properly tight without twisting out the eyes to which they are fastened. Yours, I think, have had a small bar put between the coils to give leverage when twisting. A new system of wiring is available in garden shops (see diagram below). A flat spike of metal is hammered into the wall at each end of the run of wire. An eye-headed bolt is pushed through a hole in the head of the spike. The run of wire is fixed to an eye at each end and tensioned by tightening the bolt nut.

Q **My *Azalea* 'Mother's Day', which I bought last year, grows in a tub of ericaceous compost. It flowered well the first year but this year had no flowers at all, while appearing quite healthy apart from a few white or mottled leaves. — J. Wright, Bolton, Lancashire.**

A In the dry air of a house it is hard to keep azaleas moist enough, so, after flowering, pot them on into something two-thirds or more as wide as the plant and do not let them dry out. They need bright summer light (and cool, moist roots) to induce flowering growth for next year. This is why, when put outdoors for the summer, they should be in a sunny but not hot position. I stand them in a shallow saucer to make drying out less easy. Mottled leaves suggest mineral deficiency, which a dose of Sequestrene or a trace-element tonic will put right. The white leaves are a symptom of a previous cold check and will not be a problem.

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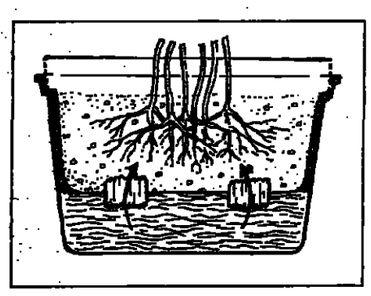
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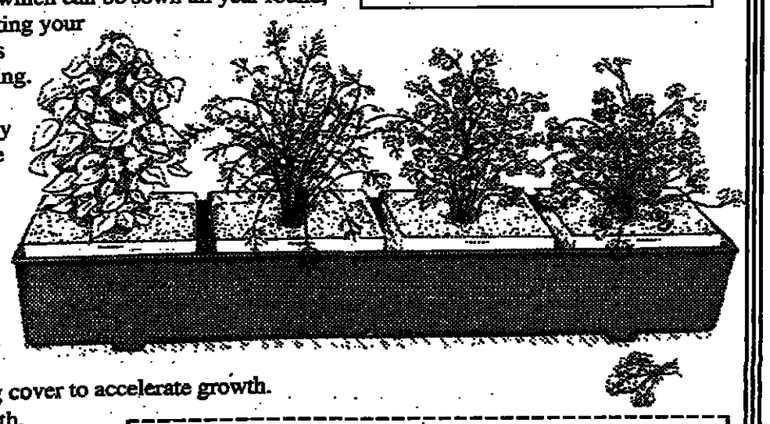
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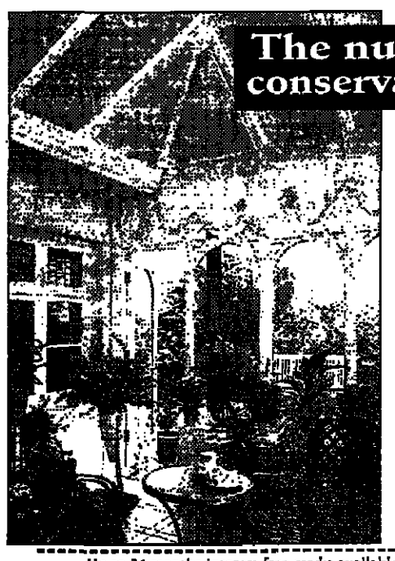
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Peru is in many ways heaven. Crimson orchids loom out of clouds swathing snowy mountaintops; Inca ruins gleam in the alternating sun and mist; huge sand dunes undulate for miles and miles and slide into the Pacific ocean; the high golden plains roll on and on, rise up into the glory of the Andes and then tip gently down into the Amazon basin; Catholic and Indian imagery riots through the churches of the Conquistadores, wrapped in beaten gold. There are many reasons to visit Peru. And yet . . .

"Peru?" squeak friends when you mention going there. "Isn't it fantastically dangerous?"

Leaving Shepherd's Bush, west London (which my local paper tells me is ruled by fear after a wave of daylight attacks on cars); waiting all day for the flight at Heathrow Terminal 4 with an unexploded IRA mortar on the roof and three more on the runway, I can't help wondering, who are we to talk about places being dangerous. Changing aircraft at Miami and being begged by an immigration man to put in a good word for crime-ridden Florida with British tourists, I wonder if danger isn't everywhere.

On the danger front, Peru was a let down. Since Abimael Guzman was jailed, the terrorist Shining Path is a spent force, everyone agrees — except that when Patricio Ricketts, a journalist, said that in print the week I arrived, his house was bombed. But Shining Path activity now is minimal compared with its campaigns during the 1980s, and if you don't go nosing through the coca-growing areas, or along the routes by which coca is taken to Colombia for processing, there is no reason why you should come across terrorists. The only Shining Path I saw was the track of the sun rising over Lake Titicaca, gleaming the hundred miles across to Bolivia, among rushes and herons and croaking frogs in the mist.



Inca ruins at Machu Picchu

There is no cholera in Peru: there was, but it was not tourists who suffered from it most. As a sensible Peruvian said: "You don't eat the food they sell on the floor."

There is no shortage of smart and civilised restaurants and hotels. The Libertador in the Inca capital, Cuzco, is built around Francisco Pizarro's 16th-century courtyard, with two storeys of arcades, a fountain, polished terracotta floors, carved wooden doors, and doves cooing among the geraniums. The Las Dunas in Ica, down on the desert plain, is a Moorish-style paradise of tiled courtyards, jacarandas and palm trees, with humming birds flitting over the swimming pools.

Like any wealthy place in Peru, Las Dunas is protected by private guards, to keep the tide of poverty beyond its pristine walls. The other infamous danger in Peru is robbery, and most of the plumbago in the smart areas is intertwined with razor wire. A few years ago a resort hotel with not enough guards was "steamed" by local people: they roared through stealing everything, and the hotel had to close. If you cannot enjoy a pisco sour by the pool knowing that child beggars are being kept from you by tough young men in uniform, perhaps the luxury end of Latin American tourism is not for you.

"It's not so bad, if you are sensible," the Peruvians say, so you learn sense. "Perhaps you should put your watch in your pocket," says a man in the lift at the Lima Sheraton hotel. "It's not expensive," I say. "But the people don't know that," he says gently.

Eighty per cent of Peruvians are unemployed or underemployed: of the seven million people who live in Lima, one million are street vendors, roaming the traffic jams with two bunches of flowers or a dozen cigarette lighters to sell. My cheap watch would be worth the snatching to a person with hungry children.

Lima is not Peru. Up in Arequipa, the beautiful "White City" built of volcanic stone, and home of Santa Catalina, a convent beautiful enough to give an atheist a vocation, the air is pure and the people benevolent. The military police there were loading saplings from the municipal nursery on to a lorry for planting out in one of the well-kept squares.

In Cuzco, an old man (named Oscar, but greeted by passing young men as "Professor", straight out of a Vargas Llosa novel), accosted me on the street to point out the beauties of the Inca masonry and tell me how he had taken Lord Mountbatten around the city.

Everywhere, people wanted to sell us things: llama-adorned jumpers at railway stations; reed boats on the Uros Islands, which are artificial islands made from bundles of reeds. In Puno, a crimson-clad, bowler-hatted young woman offered to sell me her fat little black-eyed baby. At Sacsayhuaman, a man named Godofredo Farfan played "Oh My Darling, Clementine" on Andean panpipes he had made. The notes echoed off the massive Inca fortifications, built in the shape of a puma's teeth (the puma is the Inca symbol of royalty).

Several people were sick in the tiny aeroplane flying over the ancient and mysterious Nazca Lines (massive pictograms, kilometres long, etched on the desert before Christ and visible only from the air). Several more felt sick when presented with their dinner of a little roasted guinea pig, paws akimbo. (More delicious are the big, hot corncobs wrapped in slices of llama cheese and in their own leaves to keep them warm.)

Several times, armed soldiers stopped our luxury bus to look at our passports and check that we were not smugglers from Chile. Several times the Pan-American Highway, the main road which runs the length of Latin America, disappeared under creeping desert sands.

At Machu Picchu, Inca ruins so extraordinary and beautiful that they have been declared World Patrimony, the inebriation of altitude sickness could only be assuaged with constant cups of coca tea.

Many trains on the trip ran late, but lunch on board was served alongside little vases of gypsophila and carnations. Buses connecting the one llama towns of the Altiplano, the great high plain, were regularly to be spotted tilted to 45 degrees in the crimson mud of the rainy season.

And it was always too hot, or too cold, or both at once: 14,000ft up in the tropics makes for a curious climate.

In Ica, a boy tried to snatch the gold chain from around my neck. More fool me. I had wandered from the protection of Thomas Cook-approved Peru into the market place, and with a gold chain on. "My mother gave it to me," I thought, and bit his hand as he groped at my throat.

Does all this add up to danger? I don't think so. Was it worth it? Yes.

LOUISA YOUNG

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Multi-coloured blankets, used by locals to carry babies, await buyers in the market at Puno

Getting there

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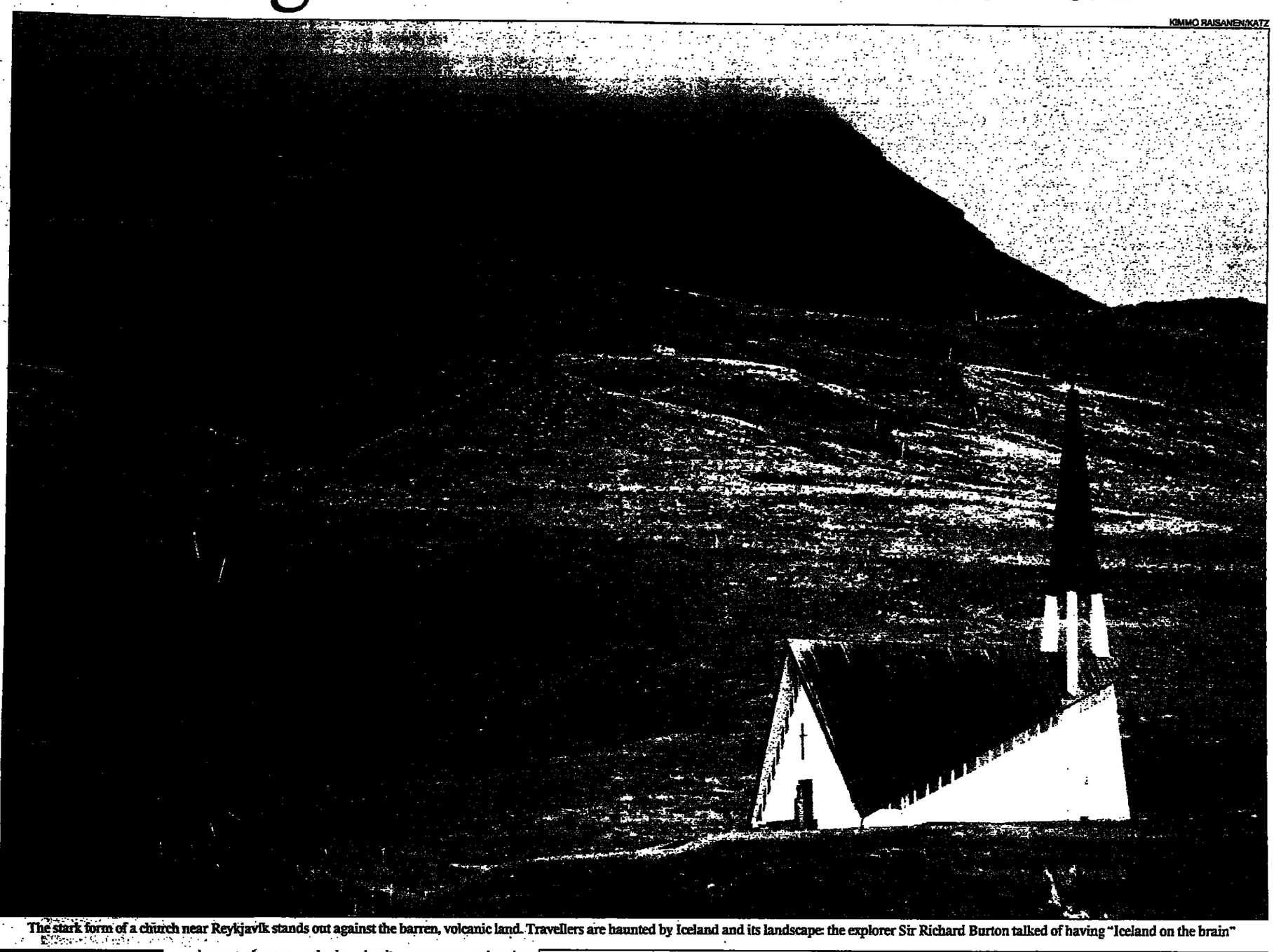
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The stark form of a church near Reykjavik stands out against the barren, volcanic land. Travellers are haunted by Iceland and its landscape: the explorer Sir Richard Burton talked of having "Iceland on the brain"

The first settlers of Iceland were 9th-century Irish monks. No voyagers with a less self-flagellatory regime could have borne the beaches where their boats washed up. This Atlantic island is always windy, often dark, its edges beaten by freezing seas, the ground exploding into cascades of lava. Now a quarter of a million people live in the country's 40,000 square miles, with 150,000 in the scattered capital, Reykjavik.

The weather is fickle, yet sun transforms the place, turning gales into breezes, blasting rainbows across waterfalls. Temperatures in Reykjavik average -5C in January, 11C in July. Summer, when the sun never sets, is the best time to visit. November to February is frozen into rarely interrupted darkness.

My tour guide explained that the dragon, eagle and bull in the national coat of arms are for "protection" — but protection from what? Iceland has never had to form an army; no one has ever wanted to invade. Vladimir Zhirinovsky has threatened, should he ever get the chance, to make the place a penal colony for Russia's undesirables.

Yet Iceland, this summer celebrating its fiftieth anniversary of formal independence, which followed centuries of Scandinavian domination, is cool in more senses than one. Reykjavik, the world's most northern capital city, was recently lauded in London's *Time Out* magazine as a holiday destination "so hip it hurts". The city's most famous contemporary offspring is Björk, the darling of the British pop-dance scene. Her compatriot peers are tall, beautiful and seriously cheekboned, for the most part artists and partyers, nightclubbing away the long hours of winter darkness. These people could give supermodels an inferiority complex.

But, at first sight, the country is not appealing. Visitors flying into the southwestern coastal airport at Keflavik look down on beige and grey lava fields, punctuated by collapsing wooden sheep pens, rock pools, untarred roads and moss. The towns are haphazardly patterned and the buildings resemble prefabs, functional with coloured corrugated roofs. Iceland's countenance is raw and unfinished.



Ice-bound and mesmerising: the Gulfoss waterfall

The island's unadorned exterior, however, belies an exceptional standard of living. The insides of most buildings would qualify for inclusion in arty magazines. Food can be excellent, including specialities such as sheep-head jelly, ram testicles and seal flippers, but beware of prices. Many Icelanders juggle two or more jobs in the battle against high taxes and inflation.

At 11pm on Friday, the night is just beginning in the major towns. Restaurants and cafés fill, cinemas are packed, teenagers gather in the streets, though not threateningly, and people in their twenties queue outside clubs.

Gaukur a Stong, the oldest and most famous pub in Iceland, would not be out of place in the trendiest parts of London. It opened in 1983, a challenge to the beer-selling ban that was lifted six years later. Other alcohol was not banned, and Icelanders really know how to drink. Polite but detached in normal dealings, they flip into exuberance at weekends.

Cursory visitors can see the region around Reykjavik in a few days. The more adventurous and wealthy have other options: trek to the fjords on Iceland's native horses, take snow scooters across glaciers,



Reykjavik: a cool destination

track icebergs on a winter Jeep safari, raft through the white river gorges, or just go angling, bird-watching, biking or hiking.

Reykjavik Excursions offers a choice of day tours. The Golden Circle (£40) named after Gulfoss, the "golden waterfall", is the most popular tour, swerving between the crater lake, geyser and hot springs that spit boiling drops at those who tread too close.

The Gulfoss waterfall, 32 metres high, is ice-bound and mesmerising. Standing in its spray, there is something odd about the air — you can't *taste* it. Can this be normal?

Not normal, no, but natural. The cleanliness is unfamiliar, almost invoking suspicion, just as the medics of the Industrial Revolution diagnosed country dwellers' lungs unhealthy by comparing their peculiar pinkness with townies' dust-lined organs.

If Iceland truly takes off as a resort its role will be that of a vast health farm. Icelanders live for ages; men come second in the world longevity stakes, women third. The stream water, never mind tap water, is drinkable. Even the streets are unpolluted, and graffiti and litter are rare. Users of Iceland's numerous swimming pools are legally required to be clean; diagrams in changing rooms dictate which bodily parts must be scrubbed in preparation.

The country's health credentials are epitomised by the Blue Lagoon, a steaming geothermal lake on the Reykjanes peninsula and one of Iceland's primary tourist attractions. The lava-bordered lake stinks of sulphur, but bathing there is a delight. The water, 70 degrees, dissolves away psoriasis and will doubtless soon be bottled for the Body Shop. Mud baths, whirlpool spas and a restaurant are among the lagoon's hangers-on.

For £89 you can make the 20-minute flight from Reykjavik to the Westman Islands, an archipelago, rich in birdlife, formed by submarine eruptions. The youngest island, Surtsey, was caught on film as it rose from the waves between 1963 and 1967.

Of the islands, only Heimaey is inhabited. It lures guests with the beauty of its crisp turf, cliff-edged harbour and black ash beaches. Much of the island has existed only since a five-month volcanic eruption in 1973. The new slopes are still steaming and the lava chunks make useful pocket handwarmers. A third of the town was buried under lava, though its population escaped across a bubbling sea. Bits of crushed houses remain visible, encased forever in the hillside.

Visitors can take boat trips round Heimaey, delving into caves and snatching close-ups of puffins so beguiling that one is almost sorry for having eaten one at lunch.

Travellers are haunted by Iceland; by its literature, its landscape, its churches, its belief in elves and trolls. W. H. Auden, after touring Iceland in the 1930s, claimed he could not shut out its images. The explorer Sir Richard Burton talked of "Iceland on the brain". Go there if you can and gulp some real air before flying home to fume-filled streets.

LUCY BERRINGTON

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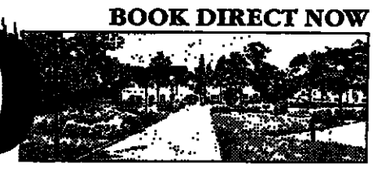
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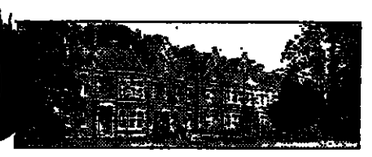
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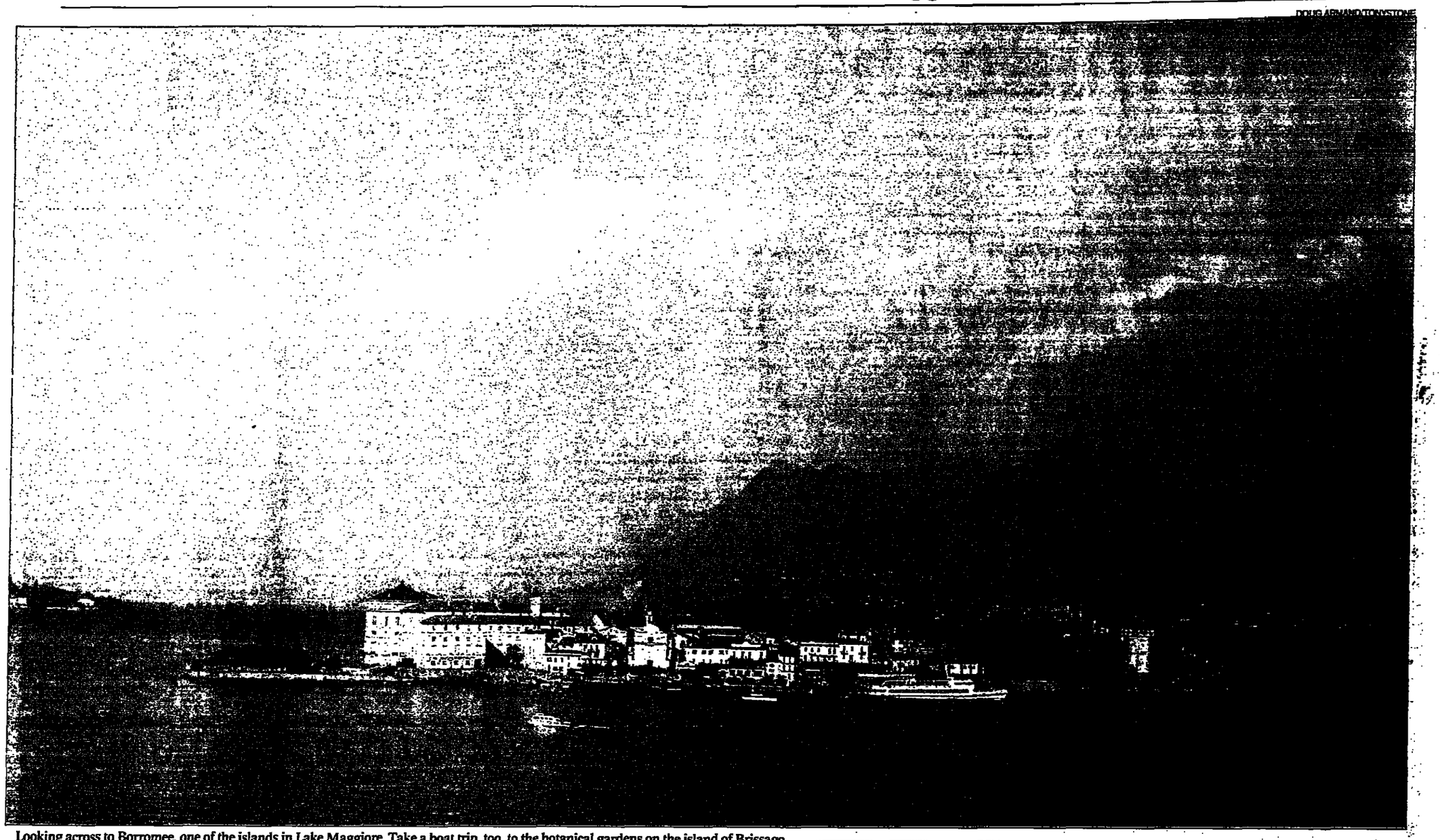
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ALPINE LAKE WEEKENDS: A mountain hotel above Lake Maggiore offers a sumptuous getaway



DOUG ARMANDO/TONYSTONE

Looking across to Borromee, one of the islands in Lake Maggiore. Take a boat trip, too, to the botanical gardens on the island of Brissago

Room with a view to a romantic weekend

Romance ought to be in the air if your holiday brochure is entitled *Room with a View*. This is the collective name for a selection of lakeside breaks in Switzerland, Austria and Italy (not Florence, despite the E.M. Forster allusion). The breaks are offered by the Swiss Travel Service as sumptuous getaways for rich, couples who want to bask together in the morning sunshine on old stone patios; who want to water-ski, silhouetted against a golden dusk; or who, of an evening, want to cool each other's necks with innocent eroticism and, perhaps, a dab of chilled champagne.

Failing to rustle up a lover for this "take-someone-special" assignment, I took a friend of the platonic-by-the-skin-of-the-teeth species for a weekend on the Swiss side of Lake Maggiore.

Filling our lungs with Alpine oxygen, we swam and Jacuzzied in the terraced gardens of the four-star, family-run Hotel Orselina amid lawns, palms and the wafting scent of chlorine. This was Swiss heaven, sitting in a small hygienic swirl halfway up a mountain and looking out at Locarno far below, with its matchbox-size apartment blocks; the lake, sporting only a handful of snow-white sails; and the villages on the distant shore snuggled beneath Alpine peaks.

One could go wild here. I was tempted to plunge into the woods and stand under a waterfall. Then again, some might prefer to shower in their *en suite* bathroom surrounded by polished marble surfaces and gilded taps. Suitably refreshed, you might don a thoughtfully provided pink towelling robe and step between the beautiful antique chest, with the satellite television set on top, and the comfortable sofa on to your private balcony. There, with the sound of city traffic a faint memory, you could absorb the panorama in tranquillity, nibbling strawberries and sweet figs from the fruit bowl or quaffing the courtesy champagne (I thought, for a moment, that the view was in soft focus, but maybe it was just a tad misty at the time).

Perhaps the hotel's clientele changes as the season hots up. On the May weekend I was there I came down to an outdoor breakfast and felt slightly *outré* for not being at least middle-aged. I had an urge to converse passionately with my partner about the continental culinary pleasures we were experiencing — equally good at lunch and dinner — but I suspected this might constitute a disturbance of the peace. The other guests, if a little staid, proved friendly, as were the serenely assiduous staff.

Such a break might be better taken in mid-summer. Then, blue skies will make the cable-car trip, taking you to mountain tops (and restaurants), even more stunning. Then, too, water sports should have really taken off and the sight-seeing boats should be in full throttle, frequently zig-zagging to the botanical gardens on the island of Brissago, to the harbour boardwalk of picturesque Ascona, and further afield.

With a car — if you have £129 to spare for hiring a Mercedes 190 — you can spend four days touring in comfort.

The hotel has a vintage, open-top charabanc and there's a certain amount of fun to be had in travelling in the funicular, which ferries you steeply down from the hotel, past the church of Madonna del Sasso, with its life-sized figurines depicting the Last Supper.

Locarno itself was not thrilling for us. Following local recommendations, we discovered the world's worst nightclub, La Rotunda, which did not have a telephone and was so far out of town that we had to hitch-hike back to the hotel.

More luxuriously, the package includes private transfers to and from Lugarno airport: we were chauffeured in a Merc with black-out curtains for those with a desire for the utterly *caché* and little interest in flowering meadows and cows with tinkling bells.

The Crossair airline supply you with non-stop free champagne and, on the plane out, I even had a chance to "make friends", if I understood him correctly, with the French-speaking Porsche-owning basketball player seated beside me. But his suggestion was not quite my idea of romance.

KATE BASSETT

How to get a room with a view

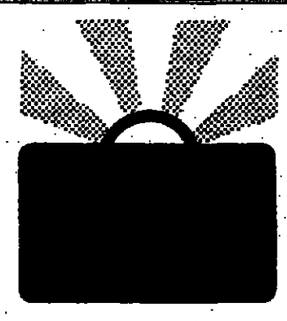


A lakeside garden

☐ Kate Bassett was a guest of the Swiss Travel Service (0992 456123), which offers breaks at hotels on lakes Maggiore, Lugarno, Lucerne, Wolfgang and Como, and at Interlaken.

☐ A three-night stay in a superior room at the Hotel Orselina costs £576 per person, including B&B, return flights and transfers.

☐ Swissair and Crossair flights depart on Friday evenings from Heathrow, London City, Manchester and Birmingham. For an extra £580 you can, on a Thursday, take the Orient Express train from London to Zurich.



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HEALTH

ACCORDING to a recent Gallup survey (for TSB), six in ten people doubt the safety of foreign tap water. It is, however, medically safe in most of Western Europe, although it should be avoided in rural areas, on the Greek Islands and in Eastern Europe.

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☐ INSECT bites should be treated with a moisturiser or calamine lotion rather than anti-histamine cream which can sensitise the skin, Masta says. An anti-histamine tablet (such as Triludan) may help the itching and will not make you drowsy.

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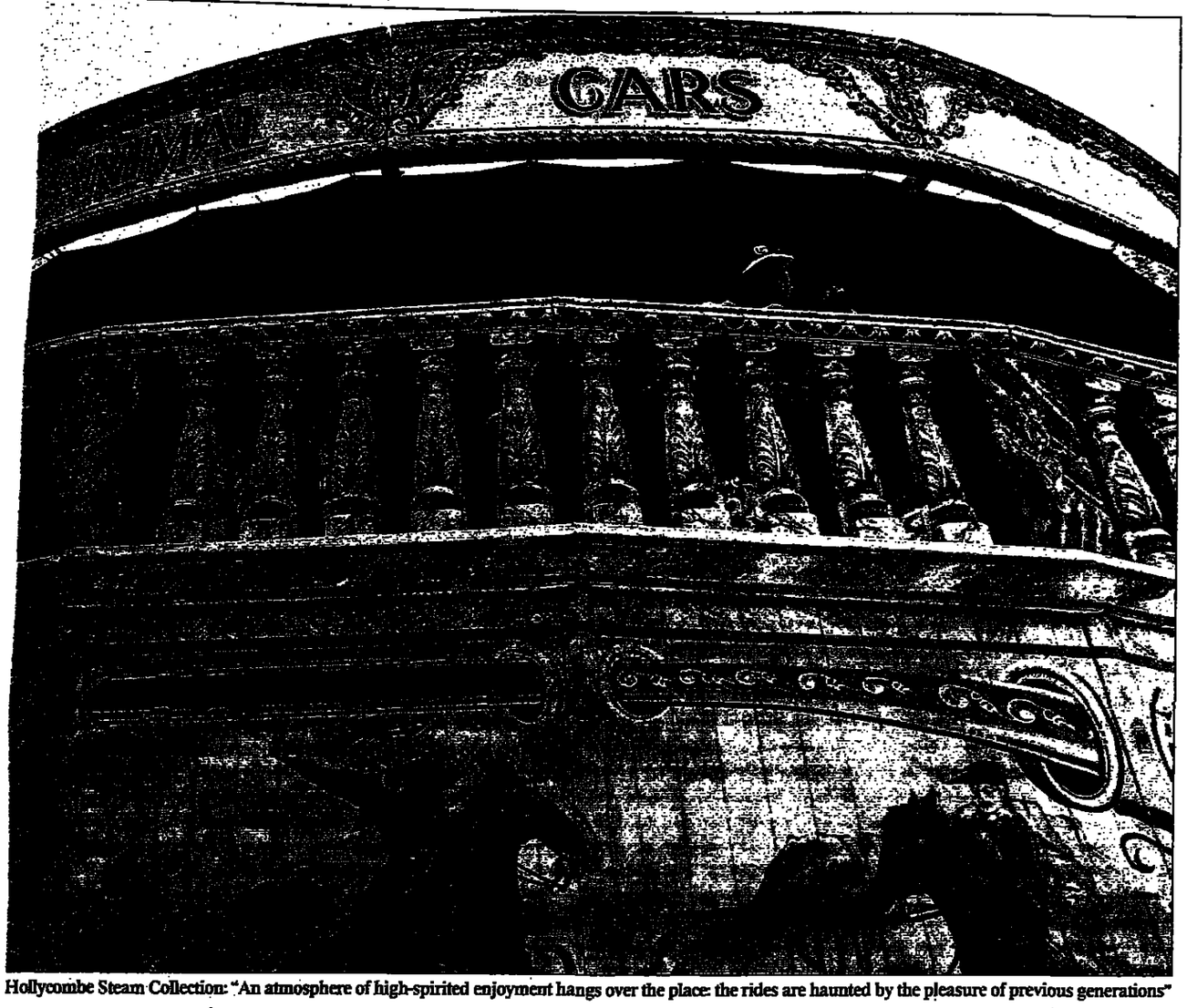
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The approach road is not promising. A sharp turn off a country lane leads through a mangled jumble of rusting farm buildings, bleak concrete warehouses and assorted corrugated-iron nastiness. And then, in a field a little way up a hill, two painted columns appear, as tall and slender as coconut palms, standing on either side of the road like a gateway to nowhere, or else some rather svelte interpretation of Shelley's *Ozymandias*. Had some giant paddle-steamer been buried beneath the earth, leaving only its twin funnels standing proud above the soil? Is this the biggest unfinished wicket in the world?

Idle questions are swept aside as a puff of steam rises over the brow of the hill and, a few seconds later, the landscape comes to life. The clanking and thumping of a tank-engine rattles the starlings; hot, faintly acrid smells drift on the breeze; a pipe cleaner of a man heaves open the squealing gates of a level-crossing while, behind him, a steam-powered ferris wheel swings into action and a fluttey barrel-organ tootles out a show-tune from the 1930s.

A few more paces foward, crossing the tracks, and the fairground of the Hollycombe Steam Collection is revealed. Though hardcore steam buffs may be more taken with Hollycombe's tramway, quarry railway or miniature railway, the fairground is the heart of the collection. Much of the afternoon will be spent whooping it up on these hissing, juddering rides, all exuberantly painted and quite as safe as they are venerable.

Besides the Gallopers, the Chair-o-plane and the Big Wheel (which affords a glimpse of Hollycombe's subsidiary attraction — acres of beautiful woodland garden), the fairground boasts several other rides. Among these are a stomach-testing Steam Yacht ("Mind You Hold On Tight" advises the colourful rubric), a hilarious Ghost House (clearly suffering from a severe case of DTs) and something called a Razzle Dazzle: this is a noble beast of a merry-go-round from the turn of the century, working mainly on the principle of gloss-painted seating and centrifugal force. The result, of course, is that everyone gets laughingly squashed on top of each other. If this seems entertaining now, think what fun it must have been for stiff-fronted Edwardians who had so few opportunities for "accidental" physical contact. It quite makes one blush to think of it.

There is, overall, something terribly British about Hollycombe. The entire collection is staffed by volunteers so unfailingly cheerful in their approach that an atmosphere of high-spirited, faintly naïve enjoyment hangs over the place. The sheer *whumpf* of history that hisses out of every valve and boiler carries with it its own nostalgic repository of enjoyment. It is as if the rides are haunted by the pleasure of previous generations. And the innocence that made such pleasure possible is still there, particularly when a whoosh of steam hits you full in the face as the Steam Yacht changes direction, or when you stroll into the grounds and follow the signs marked "LONG WALK" — and come upon another sign indicating "The Romantic View" (complete with wooden bench, just room enough for two) — or when you wander over to take a glimpse at the Hoop-La stall.

A small boy is running this stall today, with singular aplomb. He seems genuinely delighted when someone wins a prize, and hands over a little teddy bear. When someone else doesn't win, his face falls. "Have another go," he whispers encouragingly, "we won't count the last one."

If the Hollycombe collection whets your appetite for steam fun, your next stop could be Carter's Royal Berkshire Steam Fair.

Floating somewhere up there in the heavens is a Platonic archetype, a celestial blueprint, of the ideal funfair. Down here on earth it has many imitations, most of them lumbering monsters brimming with gaudy, tawdry sleaze. Carter's steam fair is an honourable exception. Small and perfectly formed, this really is funfair at its most beguiling.

Steam purists may be disappointed. The beautiful Jubilee Steam Gallopers and the Excelsior Steam Yachts (not forgetting a 1913 Fowler D.2 Three Speed 6hp Showman's Road Locomotive) are all steam powered. The other rides are not.

Most of Carters' rides predate the time in the 1930s when English funfairs began using faster, more reliable electric motors, but many have been converted to run on current. The rides include the famous Motordrome ("Drive the new Austin J40!"), a Brooklyn Cakewalk ("The original dancing machine"), and Harry Crooks' Elektric Rotor ("The thrill of a lifetime!"). The latter is little more than a big spin-drier, ideal for families on a budget. Put the children in for a thorough spin on arrival and by the time they come out they'll feel too sick to talk you into trying anything more than a couple of goes at the Hoop-la.

This is a steam fair more in style than in substance, but the style is remarkable. The historic attractions are in immaculate condition, decorated with exquisite panache, and a cheerily romantic atmosphere pervades. The place feels safe and is well run, and the attendants wear a uniform of sorts, so at least you know who to grab when little Kevin writes off a Dodgem, or Granny gets stuck in the Rotor.

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☐ **The Hollycombe Steam Collection is two miles off the A3 London-Portsmouth Road in Hampshire (take the Liphook exit and follow the tourist signs). The nearest railway station is Liphook (a mile away).**

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☐ **Fairground opens 2pm, closes 9-10.30pm. Admission free; most rides cost 60p-80p.**

☐ **A booklet, "The Steam Heritage Museums and Rally Guide, 1994/95" is available from TEE Publishing, The Fosse, Fosse Way, Radford Semele CV31 1XN (£2.95 inc. p&p).**

WORD-WATCHING

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TELESIS

(b) The intelligent direction of effort toward the achievement of an end, from the Greek *telesis, telein* to finish, *telos* an end, implied in compounds as in *telesidromos* completing the course. If we regard all the forces of nature as so many means to the ends of man and society, telesis becomes the adjustment of means to ends, and all human effort is expended upon the means."

URUBU

(c) The black vulture, *Cathartes foetens* or *atrata*, native to the southern United States and South America, from the Brazilian (Tupi) *urubú*: "The Brazilian, white-legged vulture, called by some authors *urubu* and *aura*."

DIKH

(a) Trouble, worry, vexation, an adaptation of the Hindi *dikh*: "And if his locks are white as snow./ 'Tis more from dikh than age!" Kipling, *Land & Sea Tales*, 1923: "There has been great dikh in this case."

BERTHA

(c) Soldiers' name for a German gun or mortar of large bore, used in the war of 1914-18, frequently *Big Bertha*. Named *after Frau Bertha Krupp von Bohlen und Halbach, owner of the Krupp steel works in Germany from 1903 to 1943.* "Big Bertha spoke for the first time on March 23, and at the sound of her voice Paris was intensely surprised."

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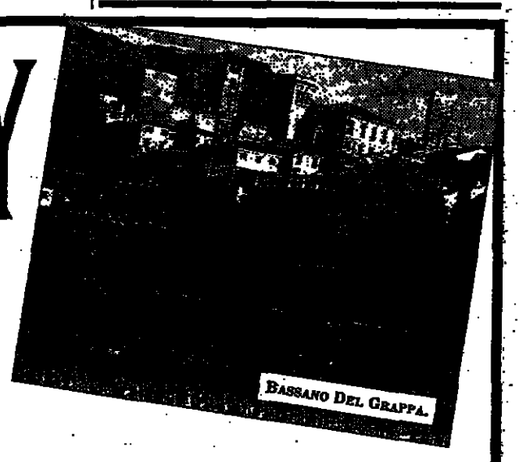
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DISCOVERING EUROPE: The beerhouse delights of Bavaria and the farmhouse food of Slovenia

The best big beers around

In Bavaria, according to Germans, the clocks work differently; which might, I suppose, explain why the Oktoberfest begins in September.

But for those who enjoy the concept of knocking back big beers in convivial company that is slightly less overwhelming than a dozen tents packed with 6,000 people each, then late spring and summer are the best times to make the most of Munich. The Oktoberfest is only the final orgiastic fling of a summer season that begins with the Spring Festival at the start of May and lasts through those balmy months when even the sky proves that God is a Bavarian: the soft blue of summer and fleecy white clouds mirroring exactly the Free State's "national" colours. Blue and white diamond checks dominate every aspect of Bavaria, from the BMW logo to the livery of the most famous breweries, such as Löwenbräu (lion's brew) and Hofbräu (court brew). The Hofbräuhaus am Platzl (literally, on the little square) in the centre of Munich is the best known of the city's watering holes. The brewery plays its part well for the tourist trade, complete with the best oompah band in town, fronted by a woman trumpeter and a cast of regulars, in *Lederhosen* and hats with flamboyant feathers, who obligingly embrace Japanese tourists for the cameras.

But the Münchener's real joy is to drink in the shade of spreading chestnut trees under a clear Bavarian sky in the Englischer Garten. This great sprawling park was laid out in the 18th century in the style of Capability Brown. Its focal point is the Chinese Tower, a wooden pagoda modelled on the one in Kew Gardens in London. Such enthusiastic anglophilia, however, did not stop the pagoda becoming a victim of the RAF's attention in 1944 when the 18th-century original took a direct hit. But the 1950s replica serves as well as its predecessor in providing a spectacular bandstand for the concerts which regale Sunday lunchtime drinkers.

The Chinese Tower beer garden is operated by Löwenbräu (pronounce it "leuhvenbroy" if you don't want to sound low-brow), whose lager (*helles Bier*) is available on a self-service basis, but only in the infamous one-litre pots. One of these is called a *Krug* or a *Seidel* in German — *Stein* is an uncouth Americanism. This is also the easiest place for the unscrupulous to acquire one as a souvenir: there is a 2DM deposit on each and, as this is basically factory cost price, the operators are sanguine about losing a few on a regular basis.

The normal way to order, however, is to ask for a *Mass* which refers to the quantity, rather than to the container. It is also possible to have a *Mass* of either shandy or lemonade. But the only drink routinely available in a lesser quantity is *Weissbier*, the wonderful, cloudy, frothy wheat beer only now becoming widely known in Britain.

Real *Weissbier* fanatics, however, should make a pilgrimage to Schneider's Weisses Bräuhaus on Tal in the city centre, where often dauntingly sour-faced waitresses dole out half-litres of nectar: rich, dark, sharp and sparkling. For the adventurous, there is also Schneider's speciality: Aventinus, as dark as Guinness, twice as strong and as refreshingly effervescent as ice-cold Coca-Cola.

The best-kept secret in Bavaria is barely 30 minutes' drive southwest of Munich. On a hill overlooking the clear, blue waters of the Ammersee stands the 15th-century monastery of Andechs. The views over the lake below are magnificent, the chapel is fine and the high, fortified walls of the monastic accommodation impressive; but the best bit is, without doubt, the brewery.

Since 1455, the Benedictine brothers of Andechs have been brewing extraordinarily tasty chocolatey dark beer known as *dunkel*. (Lager-style beer has only been popular even in Germany since the late 19th century.)

The monks now also make a subtly sweet pale golden beer that washes down wonderfully simple monastic food such as whole roasted pig's knuckles, sticks of smoked salami sausage and pickled gherkins. In fact, most of the monastery grounds, which include a vast car park at the foot of the hill and an adventure playground, have been given over to the consumption of these most excellent products of the holy brothers' labour. It pays to get there early, particularly at the weekends, to get a place amid the jovially jostling crowds of local aficionados.

But then squeezing in is part of the culture: Bavaria is no place for the silent solitary drinker. Even far from the madding crowd, there is always a little bit of Oktoberfest in the air. As the bandleader inevitably says: "Oans, zwoa, sufa! Auf'i geht's." One, two and down the hatch! Here we go ...

PETER MILLAR



IMAGE BANK

A Bavarian enjoys a tipple in one of Munich's beer houses

Home-grown pleasure

The farm appears at last after a steep, tortuous drive through woods bright with hepatica and forget-me-nots. It sits sturdily on the hilltop, a harmonious huddle of buildings set at seemingly incongruous angles, the new house standing proudly above the old one, with its seasoned barns and out-houses.

The meadows are bright with thousands of early spring crocuses and dotted with pale primroses and deep purple violets. The last of the snow has gone and all around is pristine; a richly textured, unfenced patchwork of gentle curves and strips, punctuated by clusters of farm buildings, neat orchards or the distinctive onion-shaped spire of a solitary hilltop church.

Miloš, the farmer who had driven me and my husband to his house, which is 30-40 minutes from Ljubljana, the capital of Slovenia, rushes to the barn to see to his latest calf, which was born just two hours ago and has been placed in a crate beside his mother until she is ready to accept him.

A piquant country smell like ripe cheese assaults the senses, and then, in the sitting room, aromatic wood smoke mingles with the seductive smell of newly baked bread.

Miloš comes in with a bottle of slivovka, a fierce, colourless spirit which he distils from his own apples. It is 50 degrees proof, he tells us. We find it smooth and fruity, but fail to down it in one as is the custom here.

Then comes an enormous platter of delicately smoked salamis and hams, all home-cured, and accompanied by wild mushrooms and bright red bottled peppers. Last autumn the family gathered more than 200lb of cèpes (Boletus edulis) on the farm, but these beautiful mixed woods yield countless other mushrooms, even the elusive springtime morel, and wild strawberries and bilberries.

The greeting platter is merely the degustation. Serious eating comes a little later, with delicate home-made noodles in tasty broth, served with soft rye bread; beef which once fed contendedly on Miloš's Alpine pastures, and a salad of wild dandelion dressed in walnut oil. This is followed by rich, nutty roulades and tiny pastries accompanied by thick, sweet, Turkish-style coffee. Processed, industrialised food is almost unknown in Slovenia and on this farm (which is typical) almost everything — meat, vegetables, eggs, cheese, butter, bread, cakes, biscuits, preserves and pickles — is grown or prepared by the farmer and his wife, Ljuba. And although this farm is too high, at 2,130ft, to grow vines, Miloš makes excellent cider.

Even the charming farmhouse furniture and the pale shining floors are made of larch and pine from the hillside.



A church on Lake Bled

Miloš is one of the many Slovenian farmers who are opening their homes to tourists to supplement their farm income. Prices are embarrassingly cheap, but you would be hard pushed to find food and accommodation of such quality at any price in Britain.

Strangely, British tourists persist in regarding Slovenia as a dangerous war zone, even though the country's struggle for independence was brief, almost bloodless and happened nearly three years ago. The Germans and Italians, who make up the bulk of Miloš's foreign guests, know better. They come to eat, walk or ski, pick mushrooms, seek rare flowers, or to indulge in more strenuous activities such as mountain-biking or riding horses in the fragrant forests.

A plaque on the wall of the old house, where Miloš's mother lives, commemorates the darker days of the German occupation in the area, but Miloš shows no sign of bitterness when he tells how his grandfather and four partisan uncles were shot on this spot. "That all happened a long time ago and we have forgotten it now," he says.

A few days later at Urška farm, we listened to the cheery strains of an accordion echoing across the vineyard. This was Ivan, the old farmer, who stopped playing after a two-year spell in the Dachau concentration camp. Now he has taken it up again. Every night, when he has finished the milking, he plays traditional Slovenian music to the delight of his neighbours.

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GLAMOROUS long-legged blue-eyed blonde 52 pretty slim feminine intelligent articulate relaxed seeks cultured caring man n/s 50-60 for life! Recent photo essential.Box No 9659

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ELEGANT and cultured English widow 60's seeks similar English Gentleman. I am 5'10", fair, brown eyes, n/s. Interests music, the arts, country life, travel and fun. Own house, car and solvent. Hampshire. All letters answered. Please Reply to Box No 9646

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HAPPY divorced Cambridgeshire lady n/s seeking kindly gentleman 50+ to share music theatre food and teach her golf! Please Reply to Box No 9786

HIGHLY intelligent sophisticated adventurous man will read this and want to explore the world or just enjoy England with me, who would rather not go it alone. 40's. Central London based. Photo pls. Box No 9800

HI I'm Rosemary, 47, size 14. Slightly weird, happy, healthy & honest. Into all sort of things, looking for similar free spirit (m). Independent, a little older, for company. Kent. Please Reply to Box No 9872

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LADY 49 I'm attractive smart with good personality. I'm released from 30 years of marriage, I need to start life again, I need new friends both male and female I also need to find work, pref in the bridal fashion section. Interests horse racing, gardening, cooking. Box No 9830

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OPTIMISTIC, charming Libra, forty something graduate, successfully running her own business, is lacking that vital ingredient for complete happiness - you, the sincere compatible partner to share all aspects of life. You find me in Bromley, please write to Box No 9721

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PERSONABLE Brunette graduate 62 slim N/S articulate and of warm personality. Fond of the arts, travel, walking, good food and wine. Seeks fit cultured prof man of good background and similar interests to share fun affection and commitment. SE. Box No 9816

PLENTY of friends and interests but no-one special. Stunning, slim, cultured brunette 5'6". seeks self-sufficient 40-something male soulmate to gild the gingerbread of life. Let's exchange photos/letters. Please Reply to Box No 9717

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PROFESSIONAL lady, early 40s, Attractive, adaptable, GSOH, resident N.W., enjoys countryside, animals, quiet pubs. Seeks TLC, companionship & romance from compatible male. Please reply to box no 9363

PROF girl 30 own lovely house on Richmond Hill would like to meet normal tall n/s man. A photo would be app. Reply to Box No 9641

PROF tall attractive lady 39 London area. Enjoys classical music jazz wining & dining & all the good things. Seeks sincere & fun-loving unattached prof gent for friendship & hopefully more. Photo app.Box No 9873

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SOMERSET woman with independent means would like to meet similar solvent man 55 upwards for companionship to walks conversation & theatre. Friendship more essential than looks. Reply to Box No 9770

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UNCOY lady, 46, becoming aware of time's winged chariot, seeks male with world enough and time. London/Cotswolds. Please Reply to Box No 9862

VERY attractive, tall, slim, witty redhead seeks man, 40-55, I am a professional interested in entertaining, cinema, travel and dressage. You are intelligent, amusing, successful and like animals. If you are interested in fun, good conversation and a loving relationship please respond to Box No 9863

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WILTS area, intelligent, attractive, professional lady, 37, own home, tall, slim and fairly fit, fed up of being on her own, seeks similar male, 37-50, to share interests (travel, walking, music, wine, sailing, theatre log fires etc). Weekends and maybe more. GSOH essential. Photo appreciated. Reply to Box No 9789

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DENTAL Surgeon, sensitive, cerebral (ex fat), tall, fit, uncomplicated, early fifties. Seeks special lady (30-44) for a permanent relationship. Please Reply to Box No 9873

DISCERNINGLY handsome man, 41, slim fit, academic, easygoing yet unfulfilled would like to meet slim/athletic lady, 30-40 who likes intelligent conversation and the simple pleasures in life to be enjoyed together. London based. Box No 9613

DOMESTICATED slim gentleman 45, missing dominant partner, seeks compatible lady to teach me obedience, respect and correct manner of dress. Lasting relationship sought. Chester area. Reply to Box No 9818

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ELIGIBLE bachelor 49 6ft handsome & independent affluent loyal & gentle, house in country Surrey based past 20 years willing to relocate. Seeks similar affluent mature lady, romantic and sincere happy natured for lasting friendship/relationship. Photo appreciated. Please Reply to Box No 9883

ENGLISH gentleman, youthful, 50s, successful businessman, slim, good humoured, seeks chic asian lady, 40+ with western outlook for friendship. Midland area. Box No 9718

E SUSSEX based rtd exec. 55, divorced n/s, GSOH, enjoys golfing, skiing, foreign travel and dining out will travel to meet lady with similar hobbies. Photo appreciated Box No 9855

EXECUTIVE 47 Surrey seeks warm romantic lady 38ish. Photo pls. Box No 9788

FATE isn't working: maybe this will. Single graduate male 35 seeks female to share London life. Wide interests ESP, Skiing & tennis. GSOH essential. Please Reply to Box No 9880

GAY 34 attractive, caring, passionate, outgoing with a sense of adventure would like to meet similar male aged 25-40 for fun, friendship and more in Devon, Cornwall and Somerset area. Please Reply to Box No 9743

GAY male academic, 51, London-based, seeks intellectually-alive friends of similar age, but also nephews and uncles, preferably with some moral, political, or religious convictions, for theatre and concert visits, foreign travel, country walks. Please Reply to Box No 9722

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GLOUCESTERSHIRE male 46, n/s, 5'11, athletic, enjoys countryside, flying, playing music, seeking intelligent, quick witted lady. Reply to Box No 9656

GOING to waste! He is a fit good-looking financially sound bachelor with good credentials from Berks. Similar female sought in her 30's for romance. Why not reply to Box No 9716

GOOD looking chap (58) GSOH, chivalrous, fit build, average height, enjoys sport and keeping fit, theatre, books and travel. Lives central London. Are you a very slim, unattached, female 20-30, seeking new friends, joiusance and romance? If so, please drop me a line. Photos appreciated and reciprocated. Please Reply to Box No 9692

GOOD-LOOKING professional man of integrity 40 6' wants to share the good things in life - Cheshire walks and pubs literature, sport and fireside cuddles. Seeks lady 28-38 n/s with beauty brains humour and a passion for life. Please Reply with photo to Box No 9765

GUARDIAN Reader in his 60's, a sportsman with cultural interests and GSOH now living in Central London seeks fun loving lady to spoil and share ups and downs. Reply Box No 9725

HANDSOME male graduate 26, 5'11", fit, GSOH, n/s, seeks sincere fun female 20-30. London area. Reply with photo please. Box No 9851

HANTS Professional man, 50, attractive, single, seeks n/s lady who likes country walks, travel and romance. Box No 9749

ITALIAN descent, 45, handsome, kind, caring, successful businessman, separated, GSOH, uncomplicated, but intelligent seeking lady, no pre-requisites, there's beauty in us all. Why not take a chance. Letter & photo guarantees a reply. Please Reply to Box No 9795

KNIGHTSBRIDGE Based Company Director 60's Public School divorced 2 children wishes to meet attractive female 40's-50's in with a view to long-term relationship. Please Reply to Box No 9633

LADIES aged 42 - 48, good education / family, good dresser. Are you available to be introduced to one of our clients. He is a successful businessman, aged 51, well educated, well presented with a warm character, looking for an English partner who if working is flexible to travel with him. Call Two's Company 071 409 0102 for more details.

LAWYER, fit, active, goodlooking 50's. Enjoys usual cultural pursuits, plus golf & outdoor life. Seeks attractive female companion for back packing travel through S E Asia this Autumn & hopefully more later. Photo please. Reply to Box No 9627

LEO with all the usual Leo virtues seeks warm, attractive, intelligent Leo/Aries/Gemini lady (45-58) interested in music, the arts, travel, good food/wine and company etc. Long letter & photo appreciated. Please Reply to Box No 9886

LONDON based professional man seeks strong yet gentle and feminine career lady aged 30-38 for long-term relationship. Like me you will enjoy eating out, theatre, travel, good conversation and have a well developed sense of the ridiculous! Please Reply with letter and photo to Box No 9808

LONDON man seeks girlfriend to share travel theatre cinema walks & good food. GSOH bright sharp a must 33-40 n/s. Please Reply to Box No 9710

MALE 5'10" slim, professional, attractive also very secure letting property, seeks genuine girlfriend but only someone searching for a new life, new happiness, new caring lifelong relationship, new home, more sun. Someone free to move, equally honourable, equally genuine,truly very trim, of notable proportion. 33-46 years. 7-9 stone only. 5' to 5'6. please Reply to Box No 9780

MEDIC seeks grad lady GSOH 25-33 for romantic long-term. Photo please. Box No 9794

MIDLANDS/Worcs. Business guy, gay male, 30, n/s, straight acting/looking, fit, GSOH. enjoys very hetro social life. racing, ski-ing, travelling etc. Seeks similar honest sincere and genuine guy for lasting relationship. Letter & photo please to Box No 9784

MUSIC Man, 6'1" tall, 42 yrs. Divorced, musician and music lover by night, Company Director by day. Seeks attractive lady 32-42 yrs to share life with, Lancashire. Box No 9707

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE. Single attractive man, 44, very solvent, well educated, affectionate and loyal seeks loving feminine woman, for ever, it seems. Reply to Box No 9815

PROFESSIONAL man lives West of London, mid forties, GSOH and easy going. Likes dining theatre, cinema, concerts etc seeks slim young (at heart) lady to share life's pleasures. Please Reply to Box No 9868

PROFESSIONAL man with unique & fascinating profession seeks esoteric woman ideally 25-40 for a lasting loving magical relationship. Reply No 9847

RECIPE for a professional gent aged 50. Find 1 slim attractive lady of 40-50 vintage, add the spice of TLC mix in the interest of travel and theatre pour in some good wine bind together with laughter and sunshine. Result 2 happy people. Photo and phone no please.Reply to Box No 9634

RETIRED independent gentleman with wide interests seeks lady in late 50s to forge lasting relationship. Please Reply to Box No 9669

ROMANTIC kind gullible man 48 tall slim n/s seeks good looking woman to share summer evenings. Box No 9662

SCIENTIST widower 65, NS. Seeks lady 50-60, graduate or educated, to share cottage Hereford border. Choice of friendship or commitment. Suit lady wishing to write the Great Novel, paint, or create kitchen garden from jungle, or all three. Not for the gregarious, but solitude and beauty in abundance. Regret one prejudice - must be slim, but can be NS or S. Photo please, returned promptly. Please Reply to Box No 9704

SENSUOUS good looking late thirties Bath man seeks nymphette to spend lazy Summer days with. If you would like to have some fun times then please write to me with your telephone number to Box No 9838

SINCERE relationship fancied with 59+, educated, N/S, slim. 5'8" + woman by solvent man of like attributes in his early 40's who can travel, photo if available. Box No 9867

SINGLE, prof male, 36, language graduate, GSOH, n/s, 5'8", bilingual, spirited, wishes to meet unattached lady 25-35 with confidence and personality for mutual exchange of affection leading to marriage. Box No 9781

SOME MAN in his forties from (Goa/India) well accomplished, witty, caring, enterprising, extensively travelled, and with a zest for life, seeks female with similar attributes for friendship, romance, and may be more. Nationality immaterial. Please Reply to Box No 9860

STYLISH English gentleman with homes in London and country seeks genuinely glamorous London lady (aged 35-45) who is equally at home in town and country. Recent photo please which will be returned. Please Reply to Box No 9740

STYLISH guy 42 5'8" slim good-looking affectionate seeks attractive slim feminine female for wining and dining and cosy nights in. I live in Essex. Photo and phone no. app. Please Reply to Box No 9802

TAKE a chance on me! Fernando seeks Chiquitita. Me: 32, 6ft, single, 13st, n/s, engineering manager, Swindon. Likes: travel, languages, history, nights out, Abba! You: Intelligent, kind, attractive (like Agnetha?), within an hour's drive. Voulez-vous? Write (photo appreciated). Box No 9696

TALL, blond, very handsome Scandinavian, mid forties, post graduate business degree, lived in UK/US for 18 years, sporty, outgoing, sophisticated with great sense of humour seeks female companion, 32-42, n/s stunning, sophisticated, lively, adventurous and financially secure. Photo absolutely essential for reply. Please Reply to Box No 9726

TALL, fair handsome?, unattached male. Enjoys country activities, travel, sport, music, art, good food & wine. Just moved to Berkshire, is looking for that special person to enjoy good things in life with. You must be attractive, intelligent, caring, n/s, 35-45, look good and be at ease in a Barbour, Balmain or Bikini. Please write with phone no. and photo if possible. Box No 9734

TALL handsome charming gent 41, young in mind body and spirit Good humoured loyal sincere enjoys town and country life seeks attractive lady 25-35 for mutual happiness. London/East Anglia but distance no problem for right person. Photo appreciated. Please Reply to Box No 9720

TALL, Slim & handsome Cosmopolite, Scandinavian Graduate in 30's with solid eclectic cultural values to nurture together with you! A Lady, content with being feminine, resourceful, sympathetically unique in character and standards...Open for a classic loving & symbiotic relationship? Your letter & pictures via Box No 9884 remain exclusively ours.

TALL, well travelled, intelligent male (45) seeks to demonstrate his abilities ! the kitchen to a hungry, unpretentious, adventurous female (30/40) Please Reply to Box No 9861

THE caring man writing these words would be happy by simply being with you! An aware, cultured, sensitive, slim, joyful, 30 plus woman who would enjoy calm, comfortable trips to Florence, Paris or a local bistro in New York City (USA) just to blow our cobwebs away. I'm a sophisticated getting hitched-minded lawyer looking for an English Rose, Scottish or Irish Lass looking to move here. I am 5'10, Fit, with lots of grey/ing hair, very easy on the eyes (ahem), and look (and act) much younger than my 58 chronological years. (The trip to see me is at my expense). A photo with some prose, please. Please Reply to Box No 9728

THE GOOD the bad and the ugly: If you want to find out which of the above applies to me and in what quantity and you are 25-40, warm-hearted, caring, intelligent but fun-loving and enjoy the good things in life then I am your man! Reply preferably with photo Box No 9672

TOE-CURLING voiced, smiling maverick dream man seeks sizzling full-frontal lady (40+) to turn sensual reveries into reality (London) Box No 9765

W.SUSSEX man, young 51, happy, relaxed, seeks bright attractive lady under 50 to add vital spark...Professional, sociable, 6ft, n/s, fit & healthy. Children more or less grown-up. No serious hang-ups and not too many bad habits. Usual list of likes - sport, theatre, travel, wining & dining, evenings out/in... etc. etc. Box No 9738

WELL-TRAVELLED, tall, Christian gentleman, 40's, now arrived, invites educated, confident, attractive, potential life partner, 30-40. West London, photo helpful, to apply Box No 9885

WILTS/W. Berks/Hants border. Refreshingly unconventional 'aware' male, 34, 6'1", athletic build, intelligent, passionate, deep, well-balanced. Own business. Seeks lovely, caring female to share fireside talks, country walks, sunsets/sea, the arts etc.Reply Box No 9733.

YOUNG vintage 60 retired Construction Engineer travelled extensively U.K. Europe Middle and Far East. 5'9" n/s own home car & solvent etc. Interests gardening music golf and travel. Seeks slim attractive female 50+ with similar interests for travel holidays companionship and possible lasting relationship. Lincolnshire /anywhere. Please Reply to Box No 9880

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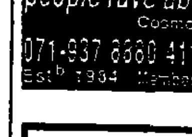
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by Raymond Keene

With the summer congress season upon us, the British Championship in full swing in Norwich, and the Lloyds Bank Masters starting up in two weeks time, I would like to recommend this week and over the two following columns an unusual but sound defence. This is based on the early development of Black's queen's knight against queenside openings. It has been patronised by Nigel Short, Jon Speelman and Tony Miles and in the past it has numbered such greats as Mikhail Tchigorin and Efim Bogolyubov (both world title contenders) amongst its devotees. It has even been played by former world champion Smyslov against Garry Kasparov, a game where Smyslov held the draw.

A chief merit of the queen's knight's defence is that it immediately throws booked-up White players onto their own resources, with the result that Black can often score quick and crushing knock-outs as this week's game, and the following two, will show.

White: Ivan Farago; Black: Jon Speelman. Beer-Sheva 1987

Queen's Knight's Defence

1 d4 Ng8

The identifying move of Black's defence. After the natural 2 d5 Bogolyubov has shown that 2 ... Ne5 3 f4 Ng6 4 e4 e5 5 f5 Qh4+ 6 Kd2 Qxe4 7 fxg6 Qxd5+ 8 Ke1 Qxd1+ 9 Kxd1 hxg6 gives Black superb compensation for the piece in terms of his mass of central pawns.

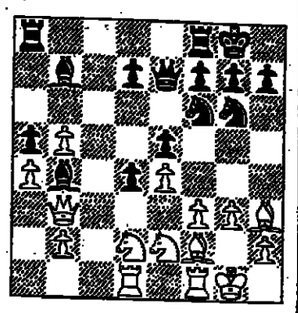
2 c4 e5 3 d5 Nce7
4 e4 Ng6 5 Be3 Bb4+
6 Nd2

The more natural 6 Nc3 allows 6 ... Nf6 7 f3 Bxc3+ 8 bxc3 d6 when White's pawns are shattered.

6 ... Nf6 7 f3 Qe7
8 Na2 0-0 9 g3 a5
10 Bh3 Bc5 11 Qb3 c6
12 0-0

Black has an active position and has certainly vindicated his choice of opening. The incautious text, however, makes matters worse for White. He should first play 12 Rc1. Now Black breaks his chains on the queen's flank.

12 ... b5 13 cxb5 cxd5
14 e4 d4 15 Bf2 Bb4
16 Rad1 Bb7



Black has achieved everything he could hope for from the opening. Although White has a protected passed pawn on the queenside Black has a mass of central pawns combined with excellent development. Meanwhile, White's king's fortress is none too solid. The pawn moves in front of White's king represent a permanent weakness in the defensive shield. As soon as Black achieves the key advance ... d5 he will start to punch holes in White's carapace.

17 Nc4 d5 18 exd5 Bxd5
19 Qd3 Rad8 20 Bf5 e4

A bold attempt to convert his central advantage into immediate victory by over-running White's king.

21 fxe4 Nxe4 22 Nxd4?

Confused by the pounding he is receiving, the Hungarian grandmaster goes astray. It might have been better to surrender material immediately with 22 Bxd4 Bxc4 23 Qxc4 Nd2.

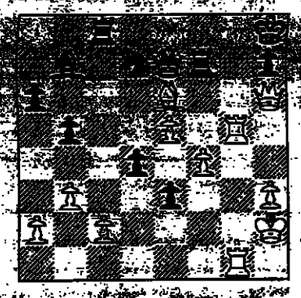
22 ... Nxd2 23 Rxd2 Bc5
24 Qc3

The losing move. The last chance to stay on the board was 24 Nd2!

24 ... Bxc4 25 Qxc4 Ne5
26 Qc3 Qa7 White resigns

The diagonal pin against White's king is deadly, for example, if 27 Rfd2 Bxd4+ 28 Rxd4 Rxd4 29 Rxd4 Qxd4+ 30 Qxd4 Nf3+ and Black wins on material. A superb vindication of Black's opening against a strong opponent.

This position is from the game Ilichencko - Susina, USSR 1971. White has a powerful concentration of forces on the kingside, and now concluded with a clever tactical strike. What did he play?



Send your answers on a postcard to: *The Times*, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN. The first three correct answers drawn on Thursday will win a British Chess Magazine book. The answer will be published next Saturday.

Solution to last week's competition: 1 ... Qc5+.

Last week's winners are: K Ward, London E17; G Howey, South Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne; P Snow, London SW8.

PUNCH

READERS are invited to write an amusing caption for the cartoon on the right. The cartoon, from the Punch library, includes the contemporary caption.

The cartoon will be printed again next week on the Games page with a caption selected from those that have been submitted by readers.

Caption suggestions, on a postcard please, should be addressed to: Cartoon caption 18, Weekend Games Page, *The Times*, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN. The editor's decision is final, and he will not enter into correspondence.

The closing date for entries is Wednesday, *August 10*.



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The winning caption for last week's cartoon (printed above) was submitted by Tony Buckfield, of Colehill, Wimborne, Dorset

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

TELESIS
a. A female newsreader
b. Intelligent direction
c. Death

URUBU
a. An Indian language
b. An Egyptian skull-cap
c. A black vulture

DIKH
a. Trouble
b. A wild dog
c. A small decanter

BERTHA
a. A sail
b. A knife
c. A gun

Answers on page 23

COMPUTER GAMES

REMEMBER Woodstock? No? You can with Time Warner Interactive's CD-Rom, "Woodstock 25th Anniversary".

Their psychedelic title is being released to tie in with the anniversary concerts being held in America next weekend and gives cyberpunks a chance to relive the historical hippy event with multi-media musical samples and hundreds of facts.

Coming shortly from Impressions is a god-game of sorts set in Medieval England around 1268, "Lords of the Realm". One or two players can take on the computer-generated opponents.

Gameplay takes one of two routes — combative or creative — and scarce resources need dividing between food and weapons while manpower needs to be allocated among farming, mining, building and military duties. The key to success is great defence and for this you can tailor-make your own castle with a choice of designer moat, drawbridge, portcullis and even arrow slit.

Cyberspace Eight offers a sleek selection of golden game-playing from leading producer US Gold. We're giving away 34 games in a bumper package. For a start, on three CD-Rom discs the interactive movie boasting exceptional graphics — "Under A Killing Moon" starring detective Tex Murphy in a futuristic world. Also on CD-Rom is the chart-topping title "Sam and Max Hit The Road", which blends appealing cartoon characters with handsome helpings of humour.

"The Incredible Hulk" for Sega Mega Drive is a platform game based on the adventures of Marvel's 30-year-old comic.

For IBM-pc, one of the computer games most highly rated by our readers, the best-seller for over a year — LucasArts' X-Wing. Not only X-Wing, but also B-Wing: the add-on "Tour of Duty Expansion Disk" to double the helping of adrenalin-firing action in Starwarsworld.

Finally, a few for the parlour. "Scrabble" is the world's most popular game. Earlier this month American toy giants Mattel bought Scrabble for £62 million, but we're giving it away. This version boasts a 134,000-plus word database. Last but not least, from US Gold's budget label Kixx, comes "Hoyle Book of Games II" featuring 28 solitaire variations.

Cyberspace Eight is for those who have toiled long and hard to reach the end sequence of a title. We're asking you to review an ending, outstanding for its quality or lack of it. Entries must be highly legible and to a length of between 150 and 350 words. Please give the full title of your selection, the format and the producer together with your name, address and telephone number.

Clearly mark all entries Cyberspace Eight, Computer Games, Weekend, The Times, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN. You may also fax entries to us at 071-729 6791. The closing date for the competition is midnight on Monday August 22, and the judges will not enter into additional correspondence.

Finally, a useful cheat to spirit you to the other side of locked doors in Infogrames's "Alone in the Dark 2": so long as you've got the sword-stick you can usually walk through doors by pressing space and up-arrow simultaneously.

BRIDGE

by Albert Dormer

AL SOBEL was for many years chief tournament manager of the American Contract Bridge League. He was a hard-boiled New Yorker, somewhat in the mould of W.C. Fields, and his energy was the envy of younger colleagues, including this writer when working for the League during Al's last years.

Earlier he had been one of Culbertson's aides, the "four Als": the others being Alfred Sheinwold, who is still with us, Alphonse Moyse and Albert Morehead. When Ely's powerful intellect turned from bridge to world peace movements, the four went their ways. Sobel, before finding his niche, was in radio and show business. He knew Cole Porter and the Gershwins, and married a chorus girl who, as Helen Sobel, became America's, perhaps the world's, best woman bridge player.

Sobel saw the table-count at a week-long ACBL congress, which might be held in any city in North America, rise from 2,000 to more than 15,000, posing logistical problems, especially as the League took pride in not requiring formal entries to be made in advance: competitors could walk in off the street and play. But Al and his team of directors and scorers had the can-do spirit.

When a tournament was over and the last scores had been posted they would gather round a piano and Al would hammer out the popular songs for which he had a prodigious memory.

Long after the Culbertson era, the four Als were reunited on an aircraft bound for the world championships. They got the cards out, just like old times, and Moyse kept score, but after he lost the first three rubbers he claimed that the score sheet blew out of the window. "An unusual occurrence on an aircraft," remarked Sobel, with understatement rare for him.

Al's racy column in the ACBL's *Contract Bridge Bulletin* was the magazine's most popular feature, focusing on the bridge player's powerful urge to outwit others by fair or if necessary not-so-fair means. Once, he was directing in Cleveland. The dealer studied his hand at length and then passed. Second-hand also took about 20 seconds before passing. Third-hand, according to Sobel, took even longer, but finally he passed too. Whereupon fourth-hand looked plaintively at Sobel and remarked, "Here I am with 12 points and I don't know who the hell to believe!"

Al had a nephew, Jerry Machlin, who was also a leading director and wrote entertainingly in another ACBL publication. The two exchanged banter, with Machlin giving as good as he got. "Have you read Uncle Al's last column?", he claimed once to have asked his teenage son, the lad retorting, "I hope so."

Sobel seldom wrote about hands, preferring the human angle, but occasionally he got hold of a sparkler.

Dealer East Neither side vul.

	♠85 ♥AQ ♦AK86542 ♣O4	
♠K ♥76542 ♦QJ10973 ♣7	N W E S	♠A64 ♥83 ♦- ♣KJ1098632
	♠QJ109732 ♥KJ109 ♦- ♣A5	

W	N	E	S
		5♣	5♠
No	6♠	Dble	All pass

Opening lead: ♦Q

East doubled the slam to invite an unusual lead: in context, this would be one of the unbid suits. He hoped that West could work out from his own hand that a diamond, not a heart, was desired. The double was not a bad shot but in practice the normal lead of a club would have made life easier.

West, however, did come forth with a diamond and East counted his chickens, but when he ruffed dummy's ace, South overruffed. South then crossed to a heart and led the ♦K. East ruffing once more to prevent a discard.

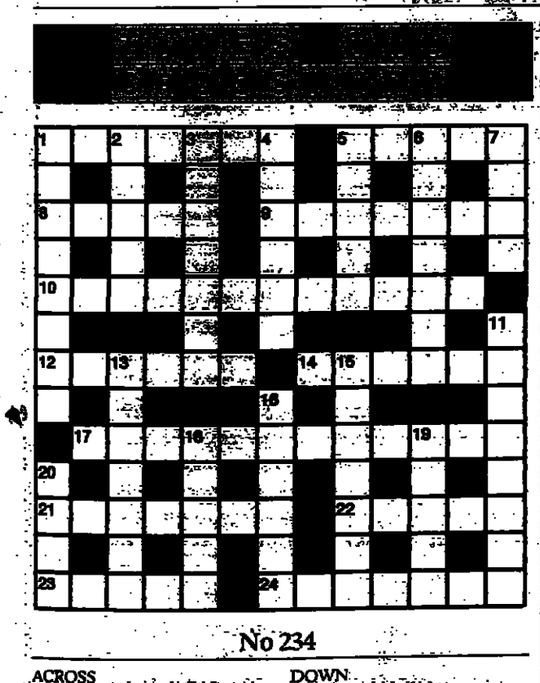
Again South overruffed; then, deducing East's pattern to be 3-2-0-8, he drew a second round of hearts before exiting with a trump. The king and ace of trumps came crashing down together and East now faced the final indignity: he had to lead away from the ♣K!

"I have no doubt that experts can dope out why East should trump with the ace and avert the debacle," wrote Sobel, "but I'd play it the same way East did — and then, just as East did, I'd quit the game."

East's first ruff was blameless, but when the second top diamond led he might have asked himself why South had not drawn trumps. If South had solid trumps, missing the ace, his method of play would make sense only in the unlikely event that he held a losing singleton club, West having the ♣A. In that case West might have led the ♣A despite the double.

More crucially, if West held the ♣A and had still decided to lead a diamond, he would surely have led a lower card than the queen; the 9, or even the 3. The low card would be a suit-preference signal, indicating that West's entry was in the lower-ranking of the side suits.

Al's kindred spirit, W.C. Fields, when filming, always had a flask of "pineapple juice" at hand. (Once, an angry cry rang across the set: "Someone's put pineapple juice in my pineapple juice.") Al Sobel kept the pressures at bay with a Thermos of "buttermilk-on-the-rocks". ("Cookin' whiskey," he confided.) Al's demise was unrelated to his convivial habits, but when he was admitted to hospital for the last time it tickled the old trouper to tell his friends that he was suffering from a terminal hangover.



No 234

ACROSS
1 Ideal man for husband (2,5)
5 Bulging; bombastic (5)
8 Up to this time, place (2,3)
9 Irrigated (7)
10 1916 Dublin insurrection (6,6)
12 Films; summer clothes (6)
14 Put in too much effort (6)
17 Accelerate (car) (4,2,3,3)
21 Photo taken from short range (5-2)
22 Hunt; engrave (5)
23 Hard labour; cook slowly (5)
24 Indulge in make-believe (7)

DOWN
1 (Female) manipulator (8)
2 William II (5)
3 Item of clothing (7)
4 Frustrate (6)
5 NT book; — Andronicus (*Shakespeare*) (5)
6 Sailor (7)
7 Extinct flightless bird (4)
11 Large cask (50 gall.) (8)
13 Result (7)
15 Medium for expression; wheeled transport (7)
16 Grab (bargain) (4,2)
18 Bold (a skirt) (5)
19 Serious (5)
20 NT book; is insincere (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 233

ACROSS: 7 Hoax 8 Analogue 9 Attorney 10 X-ray 11 Invent 13 Oddity 15 Exempt 17 Dubbed 19 Spud 21 Red Guard 23 Escapade 24 Toss

DOWN: 1 Fort Knox 2 Expose 3 Barn 4 Babyhood 5 Coaxed 6 Cuba 12 Tutorial 14 Theorist 16 Madcap 18 Bounty 20 Posh 22 Deem

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THE LISTENER CROSSWORD

No 3265: Farewell Medley by Klick

Having passed his eightieth birthday, Klick feels it is time to say "farewell" with this puzzle which contains a medley of clues echoing four of his regular themes.

NORMAL CLUES

Across

17. A piece of land nearby is a depository for unwanted liquid (8).
27. Bird flies over greenheart tree (5).
28. In point of fact twice, we hear, the sound of a goose (4).
33. City society is not as it was (3).
42. Characteristic of parking in congested city (5).
49. Cross of an ox is one producing in a word another (4).
53. Noisy record? Certainly is to start with (5).
55. Support for the breast author gets that (9).

Down

5. Feel distress when inspector general's replaced by an attractive person (10).
8. Country rejected neighbour's language (3).
9. Brown's got an award in the theatre, the little pig (7).
13. The joiner's got a pain in the back that's endless (8).
14. Happy and experienced in low-down surroundings (6).
16. Rosin and unwanted ingredients in the production of spore-cases (4).
23. Nail broken arrow fitted for tearing (7).
27. Interferometer almost interferes in the matter of a leaf (8).
31. Look round in the locality for a spot (6).
36. It could give a swollen head to a plodding student (3).
49. An aberrant lemur needs more than one such affirmative (3).

TOPPED AND TAILED

The lights (unclued) derive from the answers to the clues by either adding or deducting a top or tail. Thus, if the answer to the clue were TOPE the light might be STOPE, TOPER, TOP or OPE, etc (not TOPES, i.e. by adding an S).

Across

8. Fabrics that have a bad reputation? On the contrary.
11. A Greek, I reveal close associations with Cypriot ancestry.
12. Intimates to apply stage make-up in a mirror.
14. An old prank to the French being embraced by a heartless god.
15. An animal of backward appearance is a civet.
18. The casks on return are almost lost.
21. Shakespeare e.g. and Burns's bewildered.
24. Like a calf - on the contrary, a type of bird!
26. Prepare for day of activity.
32. Stretched out of place and beginning to rust produces rot.
34. Incite to fight! Pay needed!
35. Happy occasions when Shakespeare's fashions take us in.
38. A little out of position in the Orkneys - a radio navigation system's needed.
40. Trader in credit area? Not completely!
41. Here's bound to be a flood almost of French resistance.
51. You eat apparently for a toothless one!

Down

2. Detriment caused by plant bug? Not at first!
3. Tree developed from not fully grown key.
6. A tribute for one in the family.
7. Flutter round Lake District.
10. Ordinary uniform for day nurses, perhaps.
19. To streak is not very good amusement.
20. The engineers get ecclesiastic to be discriminator.
37. Juror and what he does, we hear, with state participation.
46. Course tufted grass that needs treatment.
47. The slave lacks nothing, it's the custom.
48. Take extra time to rest.

SMALL CHANGE

To form the lights (unclued) the answers to each clue have to undergo a limited change anagrammatically: this change consists of either a positional change of one letter, or an interchange of two letters. Thus, if the answer to the clue were POTS, the light might be SPOT (moving S), or OPTS, POST or TOPS (interchanging two letters).

Across

25. Knave in pursuit? Yes, if it's clubs! (3).
29. Nice area and one about to be discovered (3).
39. Enclosure or pen? Not quite (3).
52. Shakespeare's hit the old fence (3).
54. Separate sound of a river (4).

Down

4. Hospital for the almost healthy (3).
21. Busy body bully undergoing heart transplant (7).
30. Dress, perhaps, of old noble in power? On the contrary! (7).
45. Low churchman out of step throughout (3).
50. Mountain top source of oil (3).

THE FIRST SHALL BE LAST

To form the lights (unclued and not proper words), the answers to each clue have to have the first name of a celebrity replaced by the last name. Thus ENJOY might become ENGRIMONDY.

Across

1. Compel some to accept belligerent's right.
44. Sound of gas black material.

Down

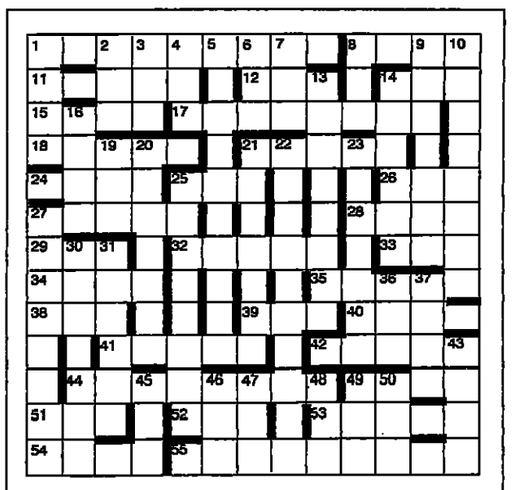
25. Scared to take a cut in salary.

JUST DO AS YOU'RE TOLD

Each clue contains one word superfluous to the clue as a whole. To form the lights (unclued) apply this word to the answer to the clue. Thus, the clue: "*Warning cry of* morning course on account of note" gives FORE, with "morning" giving MATIN; this leads to FORMATE (MAT in FORE).

Down

1. In bone insert in a reverse fold to create arch under surface.
22. Victory instigator before unfinished game gives a lift.
43. Goodness money and skill are needed for manufacturing facilities.



LISTENER CROSSWORD No. 3265

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Solution to Crossword 3262
World of Yesteryear by Third Man

The ten coded lights were the members of the England team that won the World Cup in 1966 — only ten because there were two Charltons in the team. The alphabet was coded by the letters of the words of Kenneth Wolstenholme's famous commentary just before and after the scoring of the final goal: "They think it's all over — it is now."

Wolstenholme can be found in uncoded form running up the diagonal from the bottom left-hand corner to the centre and down the diagonal to the bottom right-hand corner, and in coded form similarly along the half-diagonals from the top left-hand corner to the top right-hand corner.

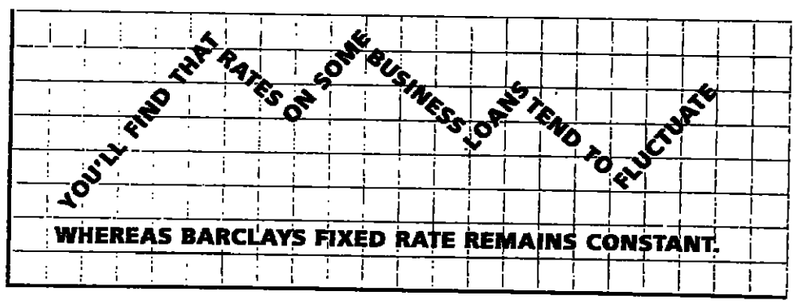
Coded lights: *Across*: 11 Charlton; 17 Hurst; 25 Hunt; 30 Stiles; 31 Banks; 39 Moore. *Down*. 2 Cohen; 14 Peters; 16 Wilson; 36 Ball.

The misprints led to three members of the German team defeated in the final: Seeler, Overath, Weber. The misprinted forms of the across lights clued were: 1 Remie; 6 Midalet; 13 Tns: 15 Masla; 18 Eeil; 19 Krf; 20 Eoami; 23 Envsle: 24 Sees; 28 Srns; 29 Tly: 33 Tpa: 34 Sawh; 36 Hourw; 40 Lae; 41 Hreaks in: 42 Wene dry; 43 Scapr.

The winner was N.S. Maxwell, of St Ann's Road, Prestwich, Manchester. The runners-up were Arthur Hodgson, of Church Road, Hadleigh, Essex; and N.D. Hoare, of Ingram Road, north London.

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